

Tree City Committee Minutes June 9, 2014

Becky Gussel called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 5:00 PM. Members present: Shirley Tollaksen, Dave Holzem, Becky Gussel and Debbie Kinder. Jason Cuevas of the Wisconsin Dells Events was also present.

Minutes of the May 12 meeting were approved on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Debbie.

Update on Emerald Ash Borer Plan—Dave has not had time for trees. Letters need to be sent to property owners .

Shirley reported on information she received at the Baraboo meeting on EAB. The trunk injection that Baraboo is doing on some of their trees costs \$10/diameter inch and is administered every three years. Mike Hardy was the Baraboo contact who wrote their successful DNR grant to treat their trees. Fred Clark's Baraboo Woodworks could process ash wood to help recover some of our costs. Injection needs to be done before the tree is completely leafed out, so we have missed this year's opportunity to treat trees. We will invite Fred Clark (Shirley) and Fred Westerfeldt (Debbie) to our next meeting to gather more information. Debbie suggested that we plant trees to maintain the canopy even before we get permission to cut the live ash trees.

Update on Map and Inventory—no update

Update on ATC Grant Money—We have \$9,600 in our tree account-- \$1,300 has been spent for 8 trees purchased by Public Works.

Minnesota Ave trees—no update

Items for referral—new treatment options and wood utilization

Next meeting date and time—July 14 at 4 PM.

Adjournment—Shirley moved, Becky seconded motion to adjourn at 5:25.

Submitted by Debbie Kinder, Secretary