

Tree City Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2014

Dar Mor called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 3:30 PM. Members present: Shirley Tollaksen, Dave Holzem, and Becky Gussel. Fred Westerfeldt and Fred Clark were visiting tree experts. Kay James of the Wisconsin Dells Events was also present.

Minutes of the June 9 meeting were approved on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Becky.

Fred Clark provided information on utilization of underused urban wood. Ash trees infected by ash borer can be used for lumber, because only the wood just under the bark is affected. Square edge lumber can be moved through quarantine. A tree can be milled if its diameter is 16-32 inches. It's worth 20- 30 cents per board foot.

We would like to know whether ATC grant money can be used to plant trees on private property.

Fred Westerfeldt provided information about new treatment options and lower costs for treating ash tree to prevent EAB infestation. Debbie Kinder has volunteered to work with committee members to revise the city's EAB plan to include a treatment option. The next meeting will not be scheduled until a draft of the EAB Plan revision has been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 PM on a motion by Becky, seconded by Shirley.

Submitted by Becky Gussel