

Tree City Committee Minutes November 13, 2018

Jesse DeFosse called the meeting to order in the Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building at 4:30 PM. Other members present: Dave Holzem, Shirley Tollaksen, and Becky Gussel. Chris Jardine of the Dells Events and Maddie Gussel joined us.

Minutes of the September 10 meeting were approved on a motion by Shirley, seconded by Becky.

Dave reported that 20 new trees were planted in late October. He and Chris Tollaksen are working on updating the tree inventory. He expressed concern that many property owners have moved since the EAB treatments began four years ago; only about 35% of the owners are paying their half of the treatment expense. The cost of the chemicals has gone up since the program began. We need to talk about whether to continue with the next treatment scheduled for 2021.

Debbie suggested that BID consider planting small apple trees along the Riverwalk sidewalk beside the River Road hotel and boat parking lots.

We are planning to submit an Urban Forestry Management Plan grant proposal by October 1, 2019. Debbie and Dave are working on the Tree City Renewal application due on December 31. Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 26, 2019. We hope to involve schoolchildren this year.

Our next meeting will be held before the Public Works Committee Meeting in February 2019. We adjourned at 4:53 on a motion by Debbie, seconded by Becky.
Submitted by Debbie Kinder, secretary