

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Barb Rodgers on February 12, 2007 at 4:08 PM at the Street Department.

Members Present: Gary Paape, Joe Walag, Mary Kostichka, & Barb Rodgers

Member Absent: Paula Levy

Also Present: Tracy Salisbury

Moved by Paape second by Kostichka to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Kostichka second by Walag to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2007. Motion carried.

Public Works Update:

- Arbor Day date is set for 9-15-07. The program will start at 10:00 and Tracy or Olivia from DNR Urban Forestry will give the workshop.
- Letters were sent to all property owners affected by the planned tree removals.
- Tree removals have begun. Algoma Utilities has assisted the City with tree work in the Cemetery.

Old Business:

- Tree removals planned on Adams and State Street due to wind damage, dead trees causing safety risks, and planned construction.
- Many trees on Fremont reported to be a problem due to past practice of topping the trees – primarily under wires
- Replacement trees are planned in areas of removals.

New Business:

- A. Tracy S. the DNR Urban Forestry Coordinator reviewed the 2007 Grant application and stated that it was a very competitive year and Algoma's score in previous years would have had the Grant approved.
 - Tracy gave tips and ideas for Algoma to apply for future grants. Having been awarded 6 previous grants makes it much more difficult and 50% or more of the project must be "new" to be considered.
 - Tracy sought input from the committee on the benefit of a smaller Grant program to fund on-going projects with an enthusiastic response from the committee.
- B. Tribute Tree markers – Mary K. reviewed pricing for components, additional info. will be brought to the next meeting.
- C. 2007 projects will include replacement and new tree plantings, Tribute Tree markers, Tribute Tree Directory, promotion of continued mulching of city and park trees, and Arbor Day celebration.
- D. Arbor Day 2007 Tree sponsor is Jason Wiese
- E. Other new business
 - Algoma has qualified for Tree City USA and Tree Growth Awards for 2006 and will be presented with these awards at the May City Council meeting.

Next meeting date set for March 19th at 4:00PM at the Street Department

Moved by Walag second by Paape to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.