

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES
December 14, 2010

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Ken Iwen on December 14, 2010 at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

Members Present: Gary Paape, Ken Iwen, Karen Newquist, Ronni Hemm & Barb Rodgers

Also Present: Dan Traas from Ranger Services

Moved by Rodgers second by Newquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Paape second by Hemm to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Public Works Update:

- Gary reported a tree removal due to a sanitary sewer dig.
- Pruning has been completed on Perry Street.
- 13 new private tree orders were received

Old Business:

- The Crescent Beach Park Plan was presented by Dan Traas. Traas again stated the park and cedar grove along the beach is a rare and valuable resource for the City. The proposed maintenance plan should be completed in 1 – 3 years depending on budget restrictions. Traas has offered his time to mark the trees and provide training when the project begins. Moved by Rodgers second by Newquist to approve the plan
- The City Tree Management Plan has been updated
- Traas congratulated the City on the plan and stated “keep doing what you’re doing.” Traas reported the following
 - o tree health and conditions have risen by 11%
 - o The overall value of the street tree population in returns and benefits is estimated at \$1.4 million and the park trees at \$420,000
 - o Data from the 2001 Management Plan shows maintenance needs are down 70%.
 - o The updated Management Plan has maintenance recommendations rated by priority over a 5 year period.
- Gary reported that Ordinance 748 had been approved at the December Council meeting.

New Business:

- Moved by Newquist second by Hamm to send letters to the property owners whose trees are on the 2010/2011 tree removal list.
- Tree trimming of the 14 feet clearance of the street right of way go into affect. Additional lift truck equipment will be needed.
- 2011 Arbor Day dates were discussed; September 10th and 24th are possible dates.

Next meeting date is set for March 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

Moved by Hemm second by Newquist to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.