

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES  
August 16, 2010

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Ken Iwen on August 16, 2010 at 3:55 PM at the Street Department.

Members Present: Gary Paape, Ken Iwen, Mary Kostichka, Ronnie Hemm & Barb Rodgers

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

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

Expenses for the NWTC training session on September 27, 2010 was approved. The cost for the training session is covered by a 2010 grant.

Public Works Update:

- Gary reported a need to remove 2 dead trees on Fremont Street and 3 in Peterson Park. Moved by Rodgers second by Kostichka to remove these 5 trees. Motion carried.
- Eight 2008 trees originally thought to be dead were examined by a forester and the trees may be saved by trimming them back to the center.
- Gary reported that a gypsy moth infestation was found in Algoma. Information on what action should be taken is available at the Street Department.
- The Public will be made aware that the Algoma City and Park Tree Inventory will be updated in early September. A truck from Ranger Services will be used and any person examining trees will have identification.
- The Crescent Beach Tree Management plan will initially be on photo frames for review.

Old Business:

- The tree trimming ordinance was reviewed. The Committee worked on a revision to reduce the current 12 foot sidewalk clearance requirement to 10 feet. Wording will specify that the City will trim branches to the City right of way leaving the property owner responsible for any trimming on private property. The Committee will continue to discuss the ordinance at the September meeting; final wording will be send to the Council for review and approval.
- The City Street Department workers will attend a training program at NWTC on pruning trees on September 27, 2010

New Business:

- A. The Committee has decided not to apply for the 2011 Urban Forestry Grant.
- B. The Baylakes Emerald Ash Borer Plan proposal for the City has been reviewed. The cost will be \$1,000. Moved by Hemm second by Kostichka to approve the contract. Motion carried. The cost will be covered by the grant. The completed plan will be reviewed at the September meeting with recommendations to the Council in October.
- C. The Committee discussed the Arbor Day plans for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Flyers to promote the event will be distributed to the public and put on the cable channel.

- a. Dan Traas, professional Forester will be presenting this year.
- b. The event will run from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM with the planting of the Arbor Day Tree in Newman Park to follow the program.

Next meeting date is set for September 20, 2010 at 4:00PM at the Street Department.

Moved by Kostichka second by Paape to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.