

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES  
January 16, 2012

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Roy Beyer on January 16, 2012 at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

Members Present: Mark Lentz, Gary Paape, Roy Beyer, Karen Newquist & Barb Rodgers

Member Absent: Ronni Hemm

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

Moved by Newquist second by Rodgers to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Public Works Update:

- 2011 tree removals were completed and stump grinding will be done in Spring.
- The winter tree trimming began the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>. Algoma Utilities assisted by providing their bucket truck and the chipper which is shared between Utilities and the City.
- Some property owners are reporting “growths” on their newer trees. Mark stated that is black knot fungus that can only be eliminated by selective pruning. The Street Department will address these problems when notified.
- Mark met with Tracy Salisbury, DNR Urban Forestry Specialist, to discuss issues and review services and programs. Tracy verified that Algoma’s Tree City and Growth Award applications were approved and forwarded onto Madison. This will be Algoma’s 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Old Business:

- The City Council appointed Gary Paape to the Tree Committee.

New Business:

- 2 Tribute Tree requests have been received. The application forms are at City Hal and the Committee discussed placing the application forms at other locations.
- The Committee received a list of tree planting requests. The requests have been on hold pending the 2012 Budget but will now be addressed.
- The Committee discussed potential planting locations in City Parks.
- The Committee received a list of tree removal requests. Moved by Newquist second by Rodgers to approval the removal of the dead tree at 720 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and to table the remaining requests until Spring.
- Mark reported no new infestations of Emerald Ash Borer found north of Washington County. Mark also presented information on the black knot fungus. It is common for the fungus to grow on a variety of Cherry Tress and Japanese Lilac Trees would be a better alternative.
- 2012 Arbor Day – Tracy Salisbury confirmed that she would be able to supply 100 white pine trees for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Arbor Day Celebration. The Committee would like an educational program along with the celebration, Mark will look into this.

- 2013 Grant Applications – Mark presented his recommendations for the 2013 Grant projects.

Next meeting date is set for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.