

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES
April 20, 2009

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Barb Rodgers on April 20, 2009 at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

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

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

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

Public Works Update:

- Trees on Jefferson/6th St/and along the beach affected with fungus were trimmed using the bleach method to avoid further spread.
- Prescheduled tree removals completed.
- 6th and Ohio trees in construction area removed. A preconstruction meeting was held and many residents requested wood from removed trees. Replanting will occur after construction completed.
- Stump grinding and grass replanting will occur.
- 43 trees have been delivered with a total of 92 to be received.

Old Business:

- 5 trees will be planted as previously planned in the new marina parking lot greenspace.
- Gary will attend May 5th court date set for illegal tree removals

New Business:

A. New Tree Removals

- 3 locations were reviewed. 2 locations approved for tree removal due to poor condition of trees. Homeowner request for 2 tree removals denied as trees are in good condition – a letter will be sent regarding the decision

B. Arbor Day

- Topic confirmed as Insect/Disease Problems with program starting at 10AM.
- Tree City and Tree Growth Awards will be presented to the City at the September Arbor Day celebration.

C. 2009 Trees

- Planting to begin next week. Included in this years' order; Olsen Fabrications ordered 17 trees and Algoma Hardwoods ordered 10 trees

D. Tribute Trees

- 3 Tribute tree orders received and will be planted this Spring at Peterson Park. 2 in memory of Bruce Sibiliski from his co-workers at Algoma Lumber and from the Zastrow Family and the 3rd in honor of Gary Smith from The Algoma Boy's Little League.
- Gary purchased 8 posts which will be used for 16 signs.
- Tribute Tree flyers are at the Chamber, the local funeral homes, and Algoma Lumber.

E. 2009 Projects

- Algoma Elementary School 2nd grade class planting a tree on the school grounds 4/28/09 in honor of Arbor Day – Gary/Barb will assist in activity.
- The Committee discussed recognition of tree planting activities by local business.

F. Other New Business

- Question answered confirming that contractors in city construction projects have guidelines to follow regarding trees in the area.
- Joe Walag, committee member, thanked for his 10 years of service to the Tree committee - having been an original member of the Ad hoc Committee in 1999 and an active participant since that time. Joe indicated that he will continue to attend events, and advocate for trees.

Next meeting date is tentatively set for May 11, 2009 at 4:00PM at the Street Department.

Moved by Paape second by Walag to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:57PM.