

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES
May 11, 2009

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Ken Iwen on May 11, 2009 at 3:58 PM at the Street Department.

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

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

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

Bills:

- Three tribute trees signs will be paid for out of the total amount collect for each of the trees. The money will come out of the public works fund.

Public Works Update:

- Three tribute trees were planted as well as 5 in the Marina parking lot area along with those ordered by private businesses.
- Perry Street is about 60% finished. Work will continue to finish stump grinding and tree lawn repairs.
- Gary and Mark assisted in the grade school Arbor Day tree planting on April 28. It was an opportunity to educate the 1st and 2nd graders on trees. Thank you letters and poems were received from the classes involved and shared with the committee.

Old Business:

- The Kewaunee Court fined the homeowner who removed City trees in the treelawn for “destruction of City property.” No additional restitution was obtained.

New Business:

A. New Tree Removals

- The tree on Buchanan Street is approved for removal as it is 90% dead. Additional request on hold pending construction plans as healthy trees will not be removed unless absolutely required.

B. 2009 Projects

- Arbor Day plans continue for September 19th.

C. Tree Management Training

- The committee approved Gary to attend the DNR Urban Forestry program training sessions scheduled in November, February and June which are aimed at communities without their own Arborist. Cost of early registration is \$250.00.

D. 2010 Projects

- Review tree ordinances
- Elementary school education
- Partnership promotion
- If grants become available will apply for another city tree assessment.

E. Gary announced that the cost for trees in 2010 will be \$110.00 with delivery.

F. Other New Business

- New tribute tree applications were received.
- Ronnie Hemm was welcomed as a new member of the committee.
- Ken shared a clipping from the newspaper indicating that 1 mature tree acts as an "air filter" handling the emissions of 13 cars.

Next meeting date is set for June 15, 2009 at 4:00PM at the Street Department.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.