

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES

October 19, 2009

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Lynn Lawrenz on October 19, 2009 at 3:57 PM at the Street Department.

Members Present: Gary Paape, Lynn Lawrenz, Ronnie Hemm, Mary Kostichka & Barb Rodgers

Also Present: Tracy Salisbury & Doug Kostichka

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

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

Moved by Rodgers second by Hemm to reconvene the meeting to South Crescent Beach site. Motion carried.

Moved by Kostichka second by Hemm to reconvene the meeting to the Algoma Street Department. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Doug Kostichka “Do not remove trees, cedars grow in groves, there is plenty of open water views.”
- Tracy Salisbury “Cleaning underbrush would be ok.”

Public Works Update:

- 52 trees have been ordered for the spring planting
- Posts from the new trees will be removed
- The list of trees that will be removed because of disease or condition was reviewed.
- Moved by Rodgers second by Kostichka to approve the list of trees for removal. Motion carried.
- Letters will be sent to the homeowners prior to the trees being removed.

Old Business:

- Rodgers will find out who the contact person is at the Algoma High School for students willing to do community service.

New Business:

- 2010 Projects
 - 5 year update on city trees
 - Management plan for Crescent Beach trees & County wide EAB planning
 - The extent of the projects depends on the receipt of the Urban Forestry Grant.
- Urban Forestry Grant application request was submitted on October 2nd, for \$9,834.00

- Crescent Beach Trees
 - Tracy Salisbury stated the Committee should beware of removing healthy trees based on the request of individuals because this can be difficult to control if granted. She also stressed that following our tree ordinances consistently is important. She reviewed the benefits of the trees as wind, snow and sand barriers.
 - The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the trees and everyone agreed that if the City were to receive the grant that an independent professional consultant should be hired to create a tree management plan. This would be a good starting off point for the Committee to make a decision.

Next meeting date is set for December 14, 2009 at 4:00PM at the Street Department.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.