

**City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2013**

Call to order by Chairperson, Tiiu Gray-Fow.

Roll call:

Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen Coburn, Andrew Crone, Bev Stone

City staff present: Brian Neumeister

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Bev Stone to approve the Agenda Second Karen Coburn.

Unanimous approval

Karen McCulloch arrives at this point in the meeting

Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2012 meeting:

Motion by Andrew Crone, Second by Karen Coburn.

Unanimous approval

Brandon Knedler arrives at this time.

Consideration 3:

Coburn asks to review last meetings EAB minutes to see how the points raised last meeting are being implemented. The overview is as follows:

- 1)The Parks and Rec Board doesn't want to have our cautionary disclaimer about specific treatment types. Rather they just want to tell residents to use the treatments, which ever they choose, to be careful.
- 2) The Park and Rec Board chose not to pursue a possibility of citizens creating treatment agreements with the city. They mentioned liability issue and the possibility it could take business away from potential private service providers.
- 3) The Park and Rec Board is still working on date for March event at Cravath Lake. Brian says it might be early April.
- 4)Regarding where EAB info will be posted, it will be posted, under Urban Forestry, but we are looking to see if it can be someplace easier to find. Knedler will ask if EAB can be its own button on the city or park board page.

Consideration 4:

Coburn stated her concern that Landscape plans come in late for the UFC to review the plan. Knedler stated we should have a request from Plan board to Latisha to emphasize the need to get landscaping plans in sooner. Coburn will talk to Latisha.

A Cravath Lake Park meeting is to be in April to find out from citizens and business to see what we want the park to be like. These suggestions will then go before the park board.

Staff Report:

Letters have been sent out for 4 inch and under trees to be removed. In the next week or two they are to be removed. Those to be treated, will have a letter sent out in March. Letters will be sent to people whose trees will not be treated. There maybe option for homeowner to pay to have it treated.

McCulloch states citizen concern for two trees without tree guards.

Suggestions for future agenda items: We can push to enter our request to become a bird city by March 1 if Nass can review the form in time. Pamphlet for EAB.; Coburn will look into it and get back. Knedler will ask Amundson if the Park and Rec Department can make it. Look to see if it can be put on water bill. Look into radio and Whitewater Banner listings.

Move to adjourn:

Motion by Karen Coburn, seconded by Bev Stone
Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:
Andrew Crone