

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

Call to order by Chairperson, Tiiu Gray-Fow.

Roll call:

Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen McCulloch, Karen Coburn, Andrew Crone, Brandon Knedler

City staff present: Chuck Nass,

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Karen Coburn to approve the Agenda. Second by Karen McCulloch.
Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2013 meeting:

Motion to approve by Andrew Crone. Second by Brandon Knedler,
Unanimous approval.

Consideration 3:

Nass stated the Emerald Ash Borer event is scheduled for April 3rd at 6:00 at Cravath Lakefront Building. Residents can learn about what they can do for their trees. EAB is exploding in southern Walworth County. The DNR will release an Asian wasp at Bigfoot Beach to try to combat it. The EAB notice is already on cable. It will also be on the Banner and city's website.

Consideration 4:

Jay Craggs arrives at this time.

Denay Trykowski, of Friends of the Effigy Mounds discussed plans to provide landscaping at the Effigy Mounds. She stated that bare root trays of plants will be \$106. Their landscape plans will only look at the uncatalogued area of the Preserve. However, Nass believes the entire area was catalogued. There is nothing in writing. The Director of Preservation at the "state archeologist" office will be contacted. The FOTEM would like a seating area, kiosk, and various options for the layout of display gardens, and a high relief replica of the mounds.

The proposed plantings will be at 30% density, which is half of the recommended 1 plant per square foot. But the plan will use mulch between plants.

\$8,890 is the estimated costs. There is a \$2,000 budgeted by Park and Rec Department for landscaping.

Motion to support the FOTEM plan

Crone makes a motion to support the plan as a good starting point

Second by Coburn,

Unanimous approval

Consideration 5:

There will be a meeting for Cravath Lakefront Park Stakeholders on April 18th at 6:00pm at the Lakefront Building. Discussed will be the future use of the park.

Staff reports.

Nass stated three Trees on Prairie St. will be taken out because they are in bad shape. They will be replanted this spring with smaller trees because they are under wires. The trees will have tree guards. Trees will go in on west side as well, those trees can be canopy trees.

Regarding EAB, all four inch trees were taken out. 108 were taken out in two days. Next stage is to send letters to let people with larger trees know they have ash and what their options are. Only serious safety hazard trees will be removed. Otherwise they will stay up until they are a safety hazard. Treatment will take place from the middle of May to middle of June. Four staff have been trained and treatment will take about two weeks.

No other trees are affected by any of the current adjustments to Treyton's Field of Dreams.

Bird city: Nass wants person to come down and talk to us. Knedler says we will start oiling eggs to keep geese population down.

Move to adjourn:

Motion by Andrew Crone. Second by Karen McCulloch.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrew Crone

UFC Secretary