

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013

Call To Order by Chairperson, Tiiu Gray-Fow at 4:40pm

Roll Call:

Members Present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Brandon Knedler, Karen McCulloch, Beverly Stone.
Absent: Karen Coburn, Jay Craggs, Andrew Crone

City Staff Present: Chuck Nass, Matt Amundson.

Consideration 1

Approval of Agenda:

Stone moved to approve agenda. McCulloch seconded. Unanimous approval.

Consideration 2

Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2013:

McCulloch moved to approve. Knedler seconded. Approved unanimously.

Consideration 3

Approval of site and landscape plans for Treyton's Field of Dreams.

Amundson presented the most recent plans for the development of the landscape and the site in general. Tree placement and removal as well as parking and hard surface areas were discussed. Stone moved to approve the site and landscape plans as presented. McCulloch seconded. Passed unanimously.

Consideration 4

Cravath Lakefront Park Stakeholders' Meeting:

Amundson contests the forced cancellation of meeting. No date set to reschedule, however, due to the busy summer schedules of the various parties interested, Knedler suggested the UFC should officially recommend that the meeting be held in the fall, on a date to be determined later.

Consideration 5

Arbor Day and Tree City Growth Award:

Arbor Day Ceremony to be held May 1st on Carriage St. at 11am where a shadow tree will be planted to recognize the efforts the City of Whitewater has made to address the imminent Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The City of Whitewater will receive 3 awards including a 10th consecutive year of receiving the Growth Award, an accomplishment shared by only 11 other Wisconsin communities.

In addition, a donation of \$250 from the American Transmission Service was earmarked for Whitewater's efforts to treat EAB.

Board Reports:

No board reports

Staff Reports:

City Forester Chuck Nass reported that quadrant tree trimming has been completed. He stated that the majority of the trees on South Prairie need removal because they are not in good condition. Many were ill placed, not allowing for overhead wires. Some were badly trimmed, and many are not thriving. These will be replaced with mostly small varieties, due to the overhead wires.

Nass also stated that the staff is beginning to plant trees. 4 staff members are now licensed to use Tree-Age for Emerald Ash Borer treatment, and the treatments will begin the end of May.

Milwaukee Street trees still await planting. Problems due to weather are delaying the planting. Plants for the pedestrian island are coming the 1st week in May.

Next Meeting:

Knedler moved to schedule the next meeting to Tuesday, June 25. Stone seconded. Approved unanimously.

Stone moved to adjourn, McCulloch seconded. Adjournment passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen McCulloch
UFC Secretary Pro-tem