

**City of Whitewater  
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, July 24, 2012**

**Call to order** by Chairperson, Tiiu Gray-Fow.

**Roll call:**

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

City staff present: Chuck Nass,

Citizens Present: James Hartwick, Roy Nosek

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Karen Coburn, second by Andrew Crone, Unanimous approval.

**Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2012 meeting:**

Motion by Bev Stone, second by Andrew Crone

Requested Amendments: Chuck Nass, not Karen Coburn said Gingko. Karen Richard Helmick was present, S farm should read city tree farm. Unanimous approval.

**Planning and Architectural Board Report:**

Nass stated that landscaping for Golden State Foods plan went through as discussed. Nass has new report for Lavel industries, removing 3 trees. Planting 10 trees. And many other plantings. (Knedler arrives to the meeting at this point)

**Parks and Recreation Board Report:**

Knedler stated that Pepsi grant has deadline to spend money. It was decided in past few weeks to earmark the money to the infield, as other possible expenditures for Pepsi's money toward other aspects of the project are not ready to be spent yet. Grass infield was never considered in possible price options.

**Emerald Ash Borer in Walworth County-impact on Whitewater**

Nass: can't say its not in Whitewater. He is using bark scrapes on two trees that will be coming down anyway. Scrapes have an 80% chance of catching. Traps have 30% chance. Arbor jet "treeage" is the treatment the city will use to treat some trees. All city trees are mapped with 13.38% of trees are ash; which is over 500 trees. Possibility to treat over 80% of trees. (Knedler arrives at the meeting at this point) \$30,000 per year to treat these trees. It lasts for three years. Need level 3 certification to use "treeage". It uses a hole drilled, into the tree and a hydraulic

needle. Whitewater had money in a tree budget. Most of the money has been spent by the council on other things.

Nosek asks to find out where it the money in the tree budget went. Money was there, but over few years it went to offset other budge items.

**Brainstorming on methods to galvanize citizen involvement in a Private/Public response to save our ash trees.**

James Hartwick: Estimate for taking down a 20-inch tree are \$925, \$900, \$1200. 100% kill rate if there is no treatment. October 4<sup>th</sup> is "saving your ash" forum at UWW. It will describe best practices, public private partnership. (Jay Craggs arrived at this point)

Discussion on opting in or out or having your terrace tree treated. Discussion about having the city paid to treat private trees. Neighborhood groups could collectively call arborists to treat neighborhood trees. Look for ways to involve the university.

**Extra trees for Cravath Lake Park**

Postponed. Nass stated that all the proposed tree spots on carnival map have been GPSed.

**Bird City update:**

Postponed. Meeting for August 28: Carl Schwartz to present on bird city.

**Proposed yearly calendar draft:**

Postponed

**Tree cuts/pruning/other maintenance**

7500-8000 gallants per day used on watering.

**Comments:**

Nosek asked about the plan to allow him a chance to give a slide show on tree species selection.

**Future Agenda items**

At the next meetings, Schwartz will get 45 minutes 4:15 to 5:00, Nosek will get half hour, 5:00 to 5:30. Other business will be allowed from 5:30 to 5:45.

**Adjourn**

Motion by McCulloch, second by Jay Craggs, Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrew Crone