

CITY OF WHITEWATER
9th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - 4:15 p.m.
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by temporary chair - Karen McCulloch. Members present - Karen McCulloch, Richard Ehrenberg, Tom Miller (arrived at 5:00 p.m.), Beverly Stone, Prudence Negley. Members absent - Tiiu Gray-Fow, Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Chuck Nass. A quorum of four members is needed to conduct business.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Negley and second by Ehrenberg to approve. Unanimous approval.

3. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS. No action taken on the Sept. 21st minutes. The Sept. 29th special meeting minutes were approved.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

5. PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REPORT: No information on the Walmart landscaping plan. Miller was asked to e-mail us when he finds out if the large lawn area between the street and the parking lot will be preserved or made into parking spaces. We are very concerned about losing this buffer area which was fought for when Walmart first built the existing parking lot.

6. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD. The Landscape Ordinance was submitted to the P&RB and failed to be supported. Four members were present to vote and four ayes were required to pass. Only three voted in favor of support. Negley will request reconsideration of the ordinance.

7. EMERALD ASH BORER POLICY: Nass submitted the portion of the policy which focuses on removal and disposal of Ash trees. He is still working on the best approach for saving as many Ash trees as possible. Concern was expressed regarding any negative environmental side effects of chemical treatment. Madison is hoping for a less toxic approach than the existing chemicals presently used to treat EAB. Shorewood (in Madison) will use TREE-age to inject into the trees. McFarland plans to treat high value trees. Grafton is offering citizens to pay \$25 for each street tree they want the city to treat. We talked about having a public meeting to inform our citizens of our plans and to get input

8. STAFF REPORT: Six street trees have been taken down. The electric company took down a portion of the large dead oak west of the library since it endangered the overhead line. The spring planting plan will focus on the northeast quadrant of the city. Two red maple street trees were replaced on W. Main St. by the Regent apartment project, with elm hybrids. Ehrenberg informed Nass about damage to an amur maple street tree at the Regent construction project and provided a picture. He also showed a picture of a large infestation of giant knotweed in or near the ROW of Walworth Ave., which needs to be eliminated.

9. ADJOURN: MOTION by Stone and second by McCulloch to adjourn.

Richard Ehrenberg - secretary