

CALL TO ORDER – Ron Fruit called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Ron Fruit, Larry Hallett, Steve Downs present. City Forester, Tess Barr-Hamblin present. Barr-Hamblin affirmed proper notice. Quorum present.

HEARING FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO RECEIVED HAZARD TREE CUT LETTERS

Letter sent to owners at 236 S Sheldon St. regarding tree near sidewalk and lines. The tree is mostly dead and is dropping limbs. A Certified Letter was received by property owners and they also responded to an email informing them of the moved Tree Board Meeting date. Owners not present.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PRIVATE HAZARD TREES

As property owners did not appear at the meeting to contest, we can move ahead with cutting after time period as given by ordinance.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY FORESTER *(to be confirmed by the Common Council)*

Downs motion to reappoint Tess Barr-Hamblin as City Forester. Motion seconded by Hallett

CITY FORESTER UPDATE

1. Tree Cutting Update – City trees on this year’s tree cut list have all been cut. Stumps have been ground and cleaned up. Soil will be brought to fill remaining holes.
2. Tree Planting Update- Trees that were ordered have arrived, but we will need to order a few more as replacements for cut boulevard trees. At least 14 city trees will be planted. Two were already planted during Arbor Day event.
3. Tree City USA Update – The Tree City application was approved, making this our 26th year as a Tree City.
4. Upcoming Classes and Trainings – Barr-Hamblin has applied for the CTMI training for Urban Forester through the DNR. It is a six day training spread out through year.
5. Arbor Day/Earth Day Event – Even was held at the Brewer Library in coordination with Rachel Wilson. There was a storytime with Brian Wahl, DNR urban forester. He also had a game prepared to play with the kids. The group planted two Lilacs in the boulevard at the library. Brian did a tree planting demonstration. I distributed free trees provided by the DNR. The remaining trees went to the community center during the Senior Expo. We distributed 75 tree seedlings. Barr-Hamblin plans to improve advertising next year. This event fulfills requirements for Tree City USA certification.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting to be held on July 23rd at 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Hallett motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:45 PM. Downs seconded.