

Village of Fox Point Tree Commission

Minutes of June 12, 2014

A meeting of the Fox Point Tree Commission was held in the Village Hall Conference Room on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Trustee F. R. Dengel III, Chair; Karen Grube, Louise Petering, Judy Shirley, Nancy Warner

Ex Officio: John Gall, Village Forester

The meeting notice was mailed to the *North Shore Now* and to all others as required by the State open meeting laws, and posted on the Village website and bulletin boards.

Trustee Dengel called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

a. Emerald Ash Borer Project Status

1. Planned activities update for balance of 2014
 - Forester Gall reported that locally, approximately 400 public ash trees have been treated with a soil injection product this spring, but he is holding off until fall for the trunk injection.
 - Last year 270 ash trees were treated. This year the goal is to treat roughly the same number, which brings us to half of our public ash trees being treated. Forester Gall said we are looking at about 100 ash tree removals in the village this year. He estimates there are still about 2,000 to 2,100 ash trees in Fox Point, and that eventually about 1,000 will succumb to EAB. This includes park trees (but not trees in Indian Creek woods, which the Village does not inventory).
 - Residents that John talks to seem to know about EAB, and he gives them a list of accredited companies who can treat it.

b. International Society of Arboriculture Milwaukee Conference, August 2-6, 2014

1. Former Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist is the conference keynote speaker.

c. Stihl Tour des Trees August 2nd Rest Stop at Village Hall

The Village is hosting a rest stop on the south lawn outside Village Hall.

1. VIPs to be invited include representatives from the Fox Point Tree Commission and the Village Board, as well as the Village forester and Village manager.
2. The Stihl Tour des Trees donates books and water bottles for local kids, and books for the North Shore Library.
3. The Village will need volunteers to provide refreshments for the approximately 80 riders who are expected. Forester Gall suggested that the Fox Point Garden Club

might help provide food, and asked Garden Club President Karen Grube to be in charge of that effort.

4. Publicity for the event will include a sign across the road near the rest stop, and posting a sign near the Fox Point Pool entrance or announcing the event on the pool loudspeaker. The Tree Fund also will have an information table.

New Business

a. Spring 2014 tree and shrub planting program

1. Shrub beds involved in the Spring 2014 tree and shrub planting were identified last fall by Judy Shirley.

b. Species decline and losses due to harsh winter.

1. The harsh winter caused a lot of desiccation of needled evergreens. The ditches in Fox Point protect our trees somewhat from road salt, which is not a major cause of tree demise in our village.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.