

Village of Fox Point Tree Commission

Minutes of October 22, 2015

A meeting of the Village of Fox Point Tree Commission was held in the Village Hall Conference Room on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Eric Fonstad, Chair; Judy Shirley

Ex Officio: John Gall, Village Forester

Absent: Karen Grube, Louis Petering, Nancy Warner

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 Fonstad called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting were approved.

3. Old Business

a. Emerald Ash Borer Project Status

Forester Gall reported that 137 replacement trees had been planted in the spring, 191 ash trees on village property will be marked for removal this winter, 258 ash trees have received trunk injections and 900 ash trees are under treatment. He stated that there has been no positive identification of EAB in the village or in Bayside, Whitefish Bay, River Hills, Shorewood or Glendale. EAB has been found in Brown Deer, Mequon and Germantown. He noted that Brown Deer Park has been hit hard with EAB. Trunk injection treatments are proving to be 99% effective but soil injections are not as effective. The village's EAB program is intended to preserve the canopy as much as possible.

b. Future Status of Forestry/Parks Summer Intern

Forester Gall said that we should be able to hire four seasonal people next year, with the fourth person dedicated to parks. He distributed a listing of the jobs performed by summer interns in 2015.

c. Indian Creek Controlled Burn - Update

Forrester Gall reported that the Indian Creek controlled burn is now expected to take place the first week of December.

d. Brainstorming for Arbor Day 2016

Forester Gall said that he and Judy Shirley had not met yet with the school principal to identify individual teachers at the school who would be candidates to champion Arbor Day activities for 2016.

4. New Business

a. Potential New Shrubs - Lake Dr. btw. Green Tree & Bell

Judy Shirley proposed that one bed be done each year along the West side of Lake Drive between Green Tree and Bell. She recommended the use of Blue Muffin Viburnum.

b. Assistance in Monitoring Unwanted Weeds in Public Rain Gardens

1. Village Hall
2. Police Dept.
3. Indian Creek Playground

A general discussion of the maintenance of rain gardens was held. It was noted that few people know how to manage this type of vegetation. It was suggested that MMSD be contacted to identify staff who may be able to provide guidelines for maintaining rain gardens.

c. Discuss Future Meeting Dates and Topics

The next meeting date is Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

5. Any other matters that may come before the Tree Commission (informational only – no action taken).

1. The Village has 58 elm trees left that are greater than fifteen inches in diameter and 40 smaller elm trees. While fewer trees are being removed each year the cost per tree has increased because more of the remaining elm trees are large. Forrester Gall handed out a map identifying the location of the 58 remaining large elm trees.
2. Landscaping is not yet complete around the footbridge.
3. Landscaping should be considered for the new flagpole dedicated to F. R. Dengel.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.