

Village of Fox Point Tree Commission

Minutes of June 11, 2015

A meeting of the Village of Fox Point Tree Commission was held in the Village Hall Conference Room on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Eric Fonstad, Chair; Louise Petering, Judy Shirley

Ex Officio: John Gall, Village Forester

Absent: Karen Grube, 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 February 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

3. Old Business

a. Emerald Ash Borer Project Status

Forester Gall reported 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. Franklin and Oak Creek have been hit hard. 335 public ash trees were removed last fall and winter. 186 ash trees are scheduled to be removed in the upcoming fall and winter. The village has decided to do its own stump grinding this year to better coordinate with replanting. 920 ash trees are under treatment. This is the fourth year of the village's eight year EAB program. On a related subject, Forester Gall reported that sixteen permits to cut trees on the bluff were issued last year and that he feels the bluff tree cutting permit program is working well.

b. Request of Tree Commission for Additional Summer Intern

Forester Gall said that an additional summer intern has been hired. He thanked Judy Shirley for providing a list of recommendations for projects.

c. Indian Creek Controlled Burn

Forrester Gall reported that the Indian Creek controlled burn has been delayed until fall.

4. New Business

a. Brainstorming for Arbor Day 2015

Forester Gall said that he would like to find ways to get school children more involved in the Arbor Day observance. After discussion, it was agreed that Forester Gall and Judy Shirley will

schedule a meeting with the school principal in September to try to identify individual teachers at the school who would be candidates to champion Arbor Day activities for 2016.

b. New Village Website Utilization

1. EAB updates - Forester Gall has updated EAB information on the Village website.
2. Invasive Species - Louise Petering suggested that the website add information about how invasive species can affect the chemical makeup of the soil so as to restrict the growth of native plants.
3. Buckthorn Awareness - Judy Shirley suggested that the village website be used to announce that November is Buckthorn Awareness Month. She also emphasized the importance of using the printed Village Newsletter to help educate residents about buckthorn and suggested that citizens could assist village staff in preparing the newsletter.

c. Discuss Future Meeting Dates and Topics

The next meeting date is Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

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

1. The Village is no longer treating elm trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.