

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY,
December 1, 2016, AT 6:30 PM**

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:33 PM**

Roll Call:	Joan Stevens	Present
	Ald. Bruce Bailey	Present
	Michael Wendt	Excused
	Becky Thorpe	Present
	Lew Silva	Excused
	Terry Krell	Present
	Dan Ewert	Excused

Also Present:

Dennis Fermenich	City Forester
Rick Moze	Greenfield School Board

2. Approval of the September 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 09/09/16
Minutes**

**It was moved by Rick Moze, seconded by Joan Stevens to approve the
September 22, 2016 meeting minutes.**

3. Aldermanic Report

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The City budget has just been approved. Funding will be the same for the Tree Commission. (.25 cents per capita)

Road project for Edgerton Ave., from 27th to Loomis going in 2017.

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

Public Works is nearing the end of their leaf removal. They have been very busy with the final pick-ups. First tree removal was today. (12/1/16) Public Works prepares the Service Requests (PubWorks) and uses the Greenfield GIS in order to keep track of removal, treatment and pruning of trees. Public Works is still working with PubWorks and GIS hoping to get the programs to work better together.

The plans for wood storage and wood utilization are currently being solidified. Public Works is pursuing additional training. Mr. Fermenich has planned a time with John Laskoski to have a training session with Public Works crew for structural pruning. There will be approx. 150 removals scheduled for this winter. Unsure of total number at this time.

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

Ms. Stevens attended a Tree Seminar which she chaired. The Beautification Committee was to have sponsored it, however, they did not help much. The Library helped and supplied a lot of publicity. A flyer was sent out to City Hall and

at the Senior Dinner which helped generate some interest. Dennis Fermenich was the presenter. He spoke about pruning. There were about 7 people that attended.

Tree City USA is in the process of being completed. Growth Awards and 2016 accomplishments along with 2017 goals will be completed.

City Forester's Report

6. City Forester's Report

Mr. Fermenich reports, although unofficial, it looks like the City of Greenfield will receive a forestry grant for 2017. Mr. Fermenich is hoping through this Grant, Public Works will be able to help with starting a tree nursery on one of the areas of land owned by the City that Public Works maintains. Purchase some small Whips (2-3 foot Whips for less than \$10 each) through the National Arbor Day Foundation & they are all native species. They will plant twice as many as they need and then will transplant every other on; the rest will be left to grow on the lot and become a wooded lot.

With the help of Renee Rollman from Engineering, Mr. Fermenich applied for a Grant for planting trees that would affect water sheds. (signs will be renewed along areas that were designated with information regarding trees that are planted there) This would provide a walkway that educates with the trees and the types, more importantly how trees effect areas around them.

There will be a total of 87 trees planted on the 43rd St. project, Layton to Edgerton. There will also be a total of 80 replacement trees planted this Spring. (Total of 167 trees)

Mr. Fermenich met with Lisa Elliot, the Mayor, Jeff Katz and several others regarding the woods at Glenwood School. They want to develop the forested area into an outdoor forested nature study, hoping other schools will want to come and make use of it.

7. DNR Application

Unofficial approval.

DNR Application

8. Annual Review

Annual Review Tree Planting Specs

9. Licensing Update

Ms. Stevens sent a formal letter to the City Attorney. Response of a rough draft proposal from City Attorney states that a tree license will have to be obtained along with a fee of \$50. The license will be good for 3 years, they will have to show proof of insurance during the period of time the license is issued. (still in approval stage) Greenfield would be the first City in the state of Wisconsin to do this.

Licensing Update

10. List of 2016 Forestry Accomplishments

Accomplishments discussed.

List of 2016 Forestry Accomplishments

