

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY,
January 14, 2016, AT 6:30 PM**

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:34 PM**

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

Also Present:

	Dennis Fermenich	City Forester
	Dan Castle	DPW Foreman

2. Approval of the November 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 11/12/15
Minutes**

**It was moved by Becky Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Silva, to approve the
November 12, 2015 meeting minutes.**

3. Aldermanic Report

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Alderman Bruce Bailey said Hwy 100 & Layton will have a Denny's Restaurant going in to replace the old Omega Custard Stand. Culver's has expressed interest in purchasing the location where Wendt's is currently located on 62nd & Layton. Shorewest is breaking ground in the location that previously was housed by Tam's Chinese Restaurant.

84th-92nd & Layton project is underway. (Cobalt project) Landscape is unknown at this time.

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

DPW is presently on pruning trees. Dead tree removal will be starting later in January. Many trees being removed will be Ash trees.

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

Ms. Stevens prepared a summary of volunteer dollars and hours worked for the Tree City USA Growth Award report. Mr. Fermenich and Ms. Stevens met and went over the Forestry Accomplishments for 2015. Ms. Stevens provided a copy of the 2015 Accomplishments during her report.

Greenfield Forestry received its 22nd consecutive Tree City USA designation and its 21st consecutive Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Greenfield had a successful Arbor Day Ceremony & Tree Planting at Maple Grove Elementary School at May 2, 2015. 24 trees were planted and created a mini arboretum for the school district. Tree Commission donated \$100 to Maple Grove for reference materials for studies about the trees.

Tree Commission received an award of \$250 from American Transmission, which was used for planting trees to screen transmission lines at Hawk View Park.

We used a DNR grant to help create a booth at the Farmer's Market in Konkell Park. Our Forester, DPW staff & Tree Commission members staffed the booth on Sunday's during the summer.

On Sunday, September 20, 2015, there was an EAB Awareness day at the Farmer's Market. Had an EAB Mayoral Proclamation and gave out literature handouts, purple EAB bracelets and free ice cream. Purple ribbons were placed on trees in the park to draw awareness to Ash trees.

One of Ms. Stevens goals in 2016 is to strengthen a working relationship with the Greenfield School District.

There was question about whether Rob Hansen has been notified and made aware of Tree Commission Meetings. Just like the Tree Commission members, he was provided with all Agenda & Minutes information from each meeting in 2015. Follow-up with previous e-mails found that the original e-mail provided is no longer valid. Therese made needed changes to her e-mail list. Kulwicki Park will not be taken over by The City of Greenfield.

6. City Forester's Report

City Forester's Report

The Farmer's Market drew in 9,591 people throughout the summer. This was just in The 10 days that the Forestry booth was there.

Mr. Fermenich is doing an inventory of all the trees in regard to what is being replaced, or put in planting space/sites & reconciling what is going on in the Neighborhoods.

New development site (Lynndale Project) is being reconstructed. 207 trees will be planted in the Lynndale project.

Mr. Fermenich has 52 replacement or new trees being planted in areas that are best suited for planting.

Projecting to plant 259 trees in total this coming spring. (Project and replacement trees combined.)

This year the City of Greenfield will be partnering with the Wisconsin Urban Wood Coalition. Mr. Fermenich has two experiments going on for the City of Greenfield. There is a large pile of wood in west yard at 117th & Morgan. There will be a landscaper that will come out and separate the wood that would potentially be used for saw logs. The landscaper (Larsen) will take what can be potentially used as firewood, and in return, he will give 10 Arborvitae "planted" trees this spring to be used in places needed.

7. Discussion regarding involvement of Greenfield District Schools in Arbor Day with Greenfield Tree Commission.

Arbor Day Involvement

Would like to have at least one Arbor Day ceremony held at one public school each year in Greenfield. Have schools take turns having the event. Mr. Fermenich feels this would help educate young people. Ms. Stevens & Mr. Fermenich will plan to set up a time to meet with the school board and discuss various topics that involve the participation of schools being involved in Arbor Day events and some other events.

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| <p>8. 2016 Planting Contract</p> <p>Advertisement for bids in print on 2/4/16 & 2/11/16. Proposals for work will be accepted until 2/18/16.</p> | <p>Tree Selection for 2016</p> |
| <p>9. Review of Forester's contract (closed session)</p> <p>Tabled until another time. (March Tree Commission Meeting?)</p> | <p>Forestry Budget</p> |
| <p>10. Discussion & decision regarding Arborist Conference</p> <p>Mr. Fermenich will be attending and Tree Commission will offer to pay the registration fee for DPW employees to attend and be part of the Conference. (being held February 14, 15 & 16) Tree Commission will fund 5 members of DPW and Mr. Fermenich. It was moved by Bruce Bailey to cover these 6 individuals for \$1,470. (\$245 each). Mike Wendt seconded this. Motion was carried unanimously.</p> | <p>Arborist Conference</p> |
| <p>11. Suggested date for next meeting: March 10, 2016 @6:30pm.</p> | <p>Suggested Date for Next Meeting</p> |
| <p>12. Adjournment</p> <p>It was moved by Ms. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Silva, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.</p> | <p>Adjournment</p> |

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Kubacki
Clerk Typist
Division of Public Works

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