

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2008

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Ken Iwen on April 21, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

Members Present: Ken Iwen, Mary Kostichka, Joe Walag, & Barb Rodgers

Member Absent: Gary Paape

Also Present: Tom Romdenne, Doug Kostichka, & Tracy Salisbury (NE WI Urban forester DNR)

Moved by Walag second by Kostichka to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Rodgers second by Walag to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Rodgers second by Kostichka to approve payment of a \$33.00 bill for tribute tree name plates. Motion carried.

Public Works Update: given by Tom Romdenne

- New trees for planting starting to arrive, will have all here by the end of the week.
- Tree trimming and some tree removals (off approved list) have begun.
- Tom presented the Committee with tree removal requests around the Perry/Cedar Corners construction area. The Committee to review and report findings to Ken as project will begin before next meeting.

Old Business:

A. Tribute Tree Directory

- Moved by Walag second by Kostichka to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

B. Other Old Business

- Three tribute tree name plates to be placed on posts and placed with the tree plantings this spring.
- Mary stated that a homeowner who had a city tree removed would like a new one planted. The Committee reviewed that this is always an option when planting spare is available and therefore a tree will be planted.

New Business:

A. Tree City/Growth Award

- Tracy Salisbury congratulated the City of Algoma on its 7th year as a Tree City USA stating "Algoma is my perfect small city; I use it as an example for other small communities." A Tree City USA flag was presented to Ken Iwen as Chairman of the Committee. Additionally a 6th year Growth Award was presented to Algoma for going above the 4 standards for Tree City, along with special projects.

B. New Marina Parking Lot (tree issues)

- Marina parking lot discussion occurred with members present, plans again reviewed. Representative from the Marina Committee, Doug Kostichka, indicated that attempts had been made to save the trees but required losing too many parking spots. It was noted that the Tree Committee had not been approached for approval of the latest

plan for additional tree removals and that by City Ordinance all city tree removals require approval. As there was no representative from Ayres present a motion was made by Rodgers second by Walag to contact Ayres to re-look at plans with an attempt to save at least one mature tree and also to propose any tree planting possibilities in the planned green space. Motion carried. This project is currently planned to begin after Shanty Days in August. Tom Romdenne to contact Ayres regarding concerns.

C. Emerald Ash Borer Public Awareness Campaign

- Algoma will be receiving “yard” signs to place along roadways to remind travelers not to transport firewood. Tracy Salisbury stated that it is very hard to detect the Ash Borer and that prevention measures are the best plan. She stated that at this point no Ash tree in Wisconsin has been infested with the Ash Borer Beetle, but she also recommended against anyone purchasing Ash trees for planting because of this threat.

Next meeting is set for May 19th at 4:00PM at the Street Dept.

Moved by Walag second by Kostichka to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:58PM.