

Tree Commission Minutes February 19, 7pm

Call to order: 7:05

Members present: Jim Lemmerman, Liz Johnson, Christine Penney; City staff: Judy Gibbs, Shawna MullenEardley

Pledge

Minutes: January approved.

Forester Report

Arbor Day: Judy reports that the tree order will be in soon as well as seedlings for Arbor Day. Arbor Day will be in Chester Park. Activities will include EAB and Gypsy Moth education as well as food science related activities.

MCA Grant: three months into planning implementation. Incorporating Tree Care Advisor program development from U. Very similar to Master Gardeners. Louise Levy, former TC, is Advisor. Goal is to get citizen involvement in urban tree care: watering, Planting, disease watch, etc.

Inventory: Jim Larson is entering all the inventory data into the database and will finish very soon. Inventory should be done in three weeks once the snow is gone.

EAB Symposium: made a case for chemical treatment. Treating trees can slow down the mortality rate. Had a list of all potential problems that present themselves. Treatment must be repeated every 3 years allowing managers to "schedule" tree death.

Fruit tree pruning workshops are available as well as regular pruning.

Old Business

Sky Harbor: Jim Larson has nothing new to present. Small area plan for Park Point will include the airport.

Hawthorne Road: Public meeting turned out well and folks understood why the tree have to come down.

Hartley Pine Plantation:

Jim Larson is using Pine Mgrs Handbook from USDA.

Judy met with Society of Am Foresters firms who will bid on Hartley thinning plan. Plan should be done by next Dec. Met with DNR Invasive Species to map out location of invasives for inclusion in Hartley Plan.

Urban Mgt. Plan

Christine to revise View Preservation Ord. ASAP.

Shawna's suggested zones are approved.

Disaster plan: need to see what other plans have done to serve as a guide.

Tree commission will write to City Admin about poor communication technology in the parks/forestry facility on 42st W. Hinders City/TC collaboration.

Adjourn: 8:30.