

Jan 20, 2008 Tree Commission Meeting minutes

Present: Kelly Fleissner, Brian Allen, Christine Penny, Ethan Perry, Richard Gitar

Absent: Jim Larson, John Doberstein, Margi Preus

Meeting called to order 7:14 a.m.

No quorum - no minutes approved.

Trees in the News

- Benefits of Trees
- Sticky traps used for EAB
- Green Acres – new rules causing farmers to clear conservation acres on marginal land

Forester's Report

Went to Conciliation Court over cutting in 5500 block of North Shore and asked for triple damages of \$7500. Judge Mark Munger determined that a replacement fee of \$20/tree was reasonable and fined defendant \$960. City may appeal, but undecided.

New Business

Tree Pruning in Feb. Will meet at Kelly's shop and practice on trees at the shop. Kelly provided brochures and talked about reasons for pruning, especially for blvd trees. Blvd trees want strong leaders with a ratio of branches of 2/3 (20 feet of branches on a 30 foot tree). Duluth starts pruning after lead drop ;and continues through the winter.

Old Business

Tree Ordinance _ Ord will be split into 2 parts putting development and replacement into the Unified Development Code as per Tony Cuneo's suggestion.

Meetings set up:

- Thurs 11:30 Amazing Grace with Jeff Anderson
- EAC 1st Wed @ 5pm
- Next Ord meeting 7:00 January 27th

Meeting adjourned at 9:05