

## **Urban Forest Commission Minutes**

20 September 2016

**Members Present:** Mike Pennington, Jim Lemmerman, Jacob Shaw, Janet Nelson, Barbara Stark.

**Guests Present:** Pakou Ly, Ann Redelfs, Myrna Matheson.

Mike graciously agreed to run the meeting in Christine's absence.

**Approval of Minutes:** Janet made a motion, seconded by Jim, to approve the August minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Pakou Ly gave us an update on the City's EAB publicity campaign. The quarantine is in effect for the southern half of St. Louis county (SLC). They are referring citizens who call in with questions to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) EAB information line which is listed on the City website. There will be a public meeting, probably scheduled for October 12 from 6-8 PM at the Rice Lake town hall. Pakou will let us know when that meeting is confirmed. The City of Duluth, the MDA, DNR and SLC are all in contact with each other and will work together on educating the public. Both the MDA and DNR have lots of free educational material that should be made available to the public at events such as the upcoming Lester River Rendezvous and at campgrounds, golf courses, parks, schools. The no-transport order should be clearly communicated to all citizens and tourists.

### **Old Business:**

Arbor Day – Myrna shared information from the Arbor Day Foundation website ([arborday.org](http://arborday.org)) on their Neighbor Woods program for the month of October.

### **New Business:**

EAB Management Plan – Janet made a motion, seconded by Jacob, to approve the EAB Management Plan. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The plan will now move to the City Council for approval.

Barbara agreed to investigate how we can change our meeting place from Conference Room 106A to the Parks & Recreation Conference Room on the UFC webpage on the City's website. We would also like to be able to post links to other sites on our webpage.

**Adjournment:** Jim made a motion, seconded by Janet, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Stark.