

**Tree Commission Minutes**  
**April 21 2013, 7pm**

**Call to order:** 7:02

**Pledge**

**Introduction of new members:** Mike Pennington, Barbara Stark, Mark Hakes, Angela Brannan.  
**Others present:** Liz Johnson, Christine Penney, Jim Larson, Jim Lemmerman; City staff: Judy Gibbs, Shawna MullenEardley

Welcome packet \_ overview of TC activities to date, Tree Ordinance, UDC, Comp Plan, Viewscape. List/contact of members. Shawna passed out an interests questionnaire to plan TC member involvement.

**Minutes:** Feb approved. March: approved with reference to pruning notes.

**Old Business**

Hawthorne Rd: 8 trees will be removed. Kelly and Shawna attended city meeting. Were well received by residents.

Website: discussion of how to link to attachments re: pruning info referenced above.

**Forester Report:**

- Shawna ordered over 1000 trees that will be planted by staff/volunteers
- Harbor highlands: Contractor to replace trees this summer
- Glenwood Ave: no progress
- Releaf programs: orders are flowing in from citizens. Discussion of Releaf reference on website.

**Urban Mgt. Plan**

Announcement of committee meeting on 1st Monday

No updates at this point. Judy went over Hartley info for new members. City is hiring a consultant to guide thinning. Stand is overgrown and past age for appropriate management. Jim Larson is writing a plan for mat plan for Hartley pine plantation as part of overall city plan and will work with contractor on thinning plan.

**Skyline:** Judy and Shawna to schedule meeting with Kelly on draft.

**Sky Harbor Airport:** Jim Larson provided overview to new members. Nothing new to report.

**Tree Planting** activities: Various events - CDBG neighborhoods, bike paths and around city bldgs are priorities. May 18th is 1st planting day.

**PCA Grant:** 2 year grant. Planning stage is almost done. Public outreach is next including setting up a Tree Care Advisory program.

**Arbor Day:** Duluth to host statewide celebration in Chester Park on 5/15. Theme: disaster recovery. Students may attend and take part in rotating station. Governor, Mayor, DNR state forester will attend. Tree planting in the afternoon.

Tree City Signs: 2 are up in Proctor and FDL. Other sites may include Skyline Pkwy., Lester River Kiosk, Park Point, Zoo, Indian Point. Resolution to purchase 10 signs approved.

### **New Business**

**Fall Forestry Day** overview for new members.

**Ad Hoc Committees:** will include former TC members and other interested citizenry as well as members.

**2012 Annual Report:** Judy & Shawna are preparing report for Council. TC to eliminate Trees in the New from report.

**Northeast Community Forestry Workshop** is on May 21. Shawna to present on Duluth activities.

**Aspenwood:** private development has many trees that are part of overall Duluth canopy and should be inventoried. Other private places include cemeteries. Discussion of how to train Aspenwood residents to do inventory and manage the trees.

**Officer elections:** Jim Lemmerman brought up the opportunities for new members to serve as officers: secretary, vice-chair, chair.

Adjourn: 8:30.