

Duluth Tree Commission  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Present: Christine Penney, Jim Larson, Kelly Fleissner, Rick Gitar, Ethan Perry, Margi Preus

Absent: Brian Allen

New member: Deb Anderson [herenow@chartermi.net](mailto:herenow@chartermi.net)

Guest: Kimberly Sannes

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Kimberly Sannes brought the City Standard Construction Specifications book and the MNDOT specification book and explained how contractors are made aware of the standards for each project. She noted that the Engineering Dept. does, indeed, issue permits, such as those for excavation of city property. She brought up the idea of having a city-wide boulevard tree project. Homeowners who wanted to have boulevard trees planted could be assessed (like if they asked for sidewalk) for trees. Discussion included questions about money for maintenance, staffing, and so on.

New Business:

March minutes approved

East H.S. EAW

- discussion about the change of plan and whether we want to take more time to read and make recommendations or are we satisfied with the plan?

Nonprofit status?

- city councilors have suggested that we consider setting up a nonprofit to administer a tree fund.  
there would probably be more interest in donations if this were a fund not overseen by the city.
- Kelly brought up the new group: Friend of the Parks-- a new nonprofit w/partnership w/city—has generated a lot of interest. Kelly suggested we check with them about a possible partnership. Tom Kasper is a liaison with that group.

Tree Ordinance update

- topic next to discuss will be city policy v. ordinance as per Kimberly's advice
- will discuss this at the next tree ordinance meeting: May 5, 7 p.m.

Forester's Report

- our grant was denied
- end of winter got a lot of trees pruned and removed

- emerald ash borer found in Wisconsin

Misc

- we should notify NRRI about the grant

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm