

July 15, 2008

July Tree Commission Minutes

Present: Louise Levy, Christine Penney, Ethan Perry, Jim Larson, Kelly Fleissner

Absent: Rick Gitar, Brian Allen, Margi Preus, John Doberstein, Rob Marohn

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

*No quorum.

Minutes not approved.

Trees in the news

- 3 articles from LL

City Forester's Report

- St Louis citizen action committee: buckthorn removal
- Dutch elm disease visible: drought stress, etc. Elm tree on north side of city hall looking poorly. Can it be treated with some TLC (watering, injection) to relieve its stress? Already lost one to construction damage in 2004.
- City reorganization impact on Forestry unknown at this point.

"Call before you cut" card – a project Christine wants to work on for inclusion in utility bills for north shore residents.

Street Tree decline

- recently planted street trees (from SIP) looking bad, lots of death and dieback.
 - o Reasons:
 - initial poor quality of stock,
 - initial improper handling of stock,
 - lack of watering and care after planting.
 - o Contractors: good – Hoffman and McNamara; bad – Northwoods Sod.
 - o Tree Planting at Heritage Sports Center – done by Northern Lights Landscaping.

Tree Ordinance

- Christine looking to meet with Wendy Sjoblom to ask her for pro bono work on Tree Ordinance brochure
- Lloyd K Johnson Foundation: Christine will call to see if they'd fund the brochure.
- Meeting with city councilor Roger Reinert scheduled for 7/28 9am at Beaners coffee house.
- Planting Specifications: Mn DOTs specs for planting are based on the American Nursery & Landscape Association

Photo Contest

- On hold. Kelly and Amy Norris will have time in August

McQuade harbor

- Jim Larson head that MNDOT has selected plants/trees suitable for the area and will plant them.

Meeting adjourned _____