

Tree Commission Minutes

19 October 2015

Members Present: Liz Johnson, Jim Lemmerman, Christine Penney, Mike Pennington, Jacob Shaw, Barbara Stark, Dale Sellner.

Forester's Report: Dale noted that the tree planting for Arbor Day will likely be this week, probably Wednesday at 1:00 PM. He apologized for the short notice. Cheryl Skafte informed us that the tree planting will be a simple ceremony with a proclamation in honor of a former City employee as well as for Arbor Day. Dale also reported that due to the often contentious nature of the viewshed issues that arise he will from now on follow the policy that was developed by the Tree Commission. Any requests for viewshed clearing will go to him, he will give the forms out and then the completed forms will come to the TC for a decision.

Logo: Steve Forsland is the graphic designer who has developed 2 possible new logos for the TC. Cheryl will contact Steve for us and request one more design to consider. All Tree Commissioners present were in favor of changing our name to Duluth Urban Forest Commission.

Management Plan: Christine reported that some years ago the TC looked at several other management plans from around the country for guidance. The first step was a tree inventory which has now been completed. One question that arose was whether the tree inventory has been updated with tree removal and new planting data? The TC got involved in the viewshed process and never completed a management plan. With a management plan in place the City can apply for grant money so the TC plans to work on the development of a management plan now. Jim will send some of the background information to Dropbox.

Adjourn: 7 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Stark.