

Duluth Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7 PM
Room 106 A – 1st Floor

- 1) Call to Order – 7:07
- 2) Members present – Christine, Ethan, Rick, Deb
- 3) July Meeting Minutes approved
- 4) Trees in the News
 - Dead tamaracks on Hwy 2 caused by insects and high water levels
- 5) Forester Report
 - Kelly will be attending workshop on bare-root stock, EAB control and other topics.
 - Elms are being marked for removal
 - Birch are stressed all over the area
 - Duluth will hire a consultant to develop a Park management plan. Issues include how the city will collaborate with Parks and Rec now that recreation activities are gone.
 - Kelly had a interview about the GreenCorp application
- 6) Tree ordinance
 - Cindy Pepkack indicated the City received 1st draft from Consultants. This draft does not pertain to trees.
 - City attorney, Bob Asleson, indicated he had not started on the legal review of the ordinance but hoped to be done by the end of August. If not, then TC will ask Jeff Anderson to request the Mayor expedite the review.
 - Invasive species wording is governed by St. Louis Co. The City cannot set weed definition....the State does this. City ordinance can only refer to state guidelines.
- 7) Sky Harbor Airport
 - Reminder of meeting at 3:00 September 2 at Park Point to discuss plan for tree removal.
 - Deb offered to research the Duluth News Tribune article on the economic value of the airport.

Adjourn 7:35