Duluth Tree Commission
June 3, 2012 Mgt Committee Minutes

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Attendance: Christine Penney, Jim Lemmerman, Caleb Anderson, Anthony Ross, Liz Johnson, Shawna MullenEardley, Judy Gibbs and Jeff Busse (new member)

Guest - Jeremy Rubin - citizen concerned with Skyline Pkwy visibility issues

Forestry Report: Shawna

125 fruit trees planted in parks for community use/harvest.

New gravel bed complete @ shop. 150 trees in bed w/350 coming.

ReLeaf program provides trees for blvd planting and volunteers for tree planting party.

Review of Minutes: Feb, Mar, & April. Liz moved to approve; Christine 2nd.

Sky Harbor Airport: Jim Larson.

Overview for newcomer and guest. Steve Wilson suggested the runway would be moved. Judy indicated she had heard they were going to start cutting trees. Also discussed rumors of illegal fuel storage at airport. Jim will follow-up and investigate.

Inventory: Shawna

3,000 trees inventories thus far.

Announcement of trainings for inventory and EAB identification and control. Shawna attended Shade tree short course: Indicated an effective treatment for EAB includes triage and injectable insecticide.

TC website: Liz

City attorney said TC is not allowed to have a website or facebook site because a staff person is necessary to update. Liz will talk to Paku and let her know that Judy Gibbs is the staff person and will take the responsibility.

Mgt Plan: Full discussion

Need finalization of zones to facilitate inventory. Discussion of zones followed.

Discussion of hang tag for new tree care.

Mgt plan should require inspection of trees planted by contractors for street improvement or developments.

Skyline Pkwy: Jeremy Rubin. New resident wants trees cut below him for view. Judy referred him to Tom Kasper for the Skyline maintenance schedule.

Tree replacement plan: Brian Allen indicated that the Ord was gutted and replacement plans were no longer required. Keith Hammre replaced Cindy Petkak. Judy will contact Keith.

Arbor Day: Shawna and Anthony. Activity in West Duluth Chambers Park as well as Tree City sign installation.

Invasive species: Judy. Buckthorn control through Aldo Leopold Center in central Duluth area. Need Garlon-certified pesticide applicators.

Adjourn: 8:45