

MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION MEETING
February 10, 2015
Department of Public Infrastructure Conference Room

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chairman Mike Penckofer, Glenn Pfeffer, Ald. Chris Able

Staff Present: Chad Scheinoha, Al Rehme, Dan Koski

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by M. Penckofer.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting.

Report on Tree Maintenance Since Last Meeting

There are over 160 open issues (45 4-D trees, 32 trimming requests, 17 bush violations, and 69 removal requests). The crew worked at 38 locations, 17 street tree 4-D removals before the heavy snow, plus 1 in Lincoln Park and 4 in the zoo. There was one weekend callout and ten weekday callouts. Nine loads of wood were sold & hauled to six different locations. No trees were planted. There were five accidents throughout the City where terrace trees were hit. Bids are currently being taken for "wire" trees that MPU will not help with or where it is difficult for City personnel to get to the private property side of the tree with the Hi-ranger. Several volunteers with woodcutting/harvesting agreements have been cutting trees in the parks, by Lakeside Boulevard, etc.

Urban forestry grant opportunities

No discussion.

Plans for Arbor Day 2015

The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 24th. C. Scheinoha suggested planting four terrace trees on Franklin St. between S 8th & 9th, as the Planning Department has some funds that could be used to cut holes in the concrete, for mulch, etc. Then, the rest of the program could be held at the Manitowoc Public Library. There was a lot of positive feedback from the children after last year's program. M. Penckofer will again donate a book.

Update on the forestry fund

The fund was approved and the money will be put in a non-lapsing account.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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