

LAKE GENEVA TREE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013 - 6:00PM

Meeting called to order by Al Kupsik at 6:00pm.

Roll Call. Present: Dan Andresen, Candy Kirchberg, George Troupis, Bob Flemming, Al Kupsik, Ron Carstensen and John Foster. Absent (excused): Chairman Esposito and Clara Jacobs

Minutes from last meeting will be approved at next meeting.

Public Comments:

Dr. James Loftus, owner of duplex at 836-838 Clover Street confirmed with John Foster that a problem tree was on the list to be removed.

Park Board Report.

Al Kupsik reported that the Council has approved an RFP for a Frisbee Golf course and Dog Park at the eighth hole of the golf course which is owned by the City.

Street Department and Arborist Report.

Arborist John Foster reported the Street Department will be doing some trimming and cleaning up some of the river bank and the trail area, if they have a dry winter. They had to remove a big tree behind the Library due to half of it blowing down in a heavy wind and revealing the trunk of the bottom half as hollow. He also said he received an email from the DNR asking if we would like to be a release site for the parasitic wasp as one of three the government is releasing in the states to help control the spread of EAB. These are non-stinging and non-harmful wasps. A motion was made and seconded by Bob Flemming to approve going ahead with this.

Unanimously carried. Mr. Foster also reported they have done clean-up at Four Seasons, removing and mowing down some invasives.

New Business:

Arbor Day Discussion. The Board welcomed new member Candy Kirchberg. Arbor Day is April 26, 2013 and, as part of Tree City USA designation, we need to have an Arbor Day celebration. There was discussion on the best date for the City's celebration, the kind of tree and location, the need for shade trees around the Skate Board Park. John Foster will check with Dan Winkler to see if May 11 at Library Park will work for Kim Sebastian.

Consideration of "tree identifier plaques." Candy Kirchberg said she has had requests from several people to have small tree identifier plaques for the trees, especially in Library Park. After discussion, the Board suggested Ms. Kirchberg research what types of tags are available and the cost.

Set next meeting date. The next meeting will be a combined meeting with the Park Board Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 6:00pm.

Transcribed from audio tape.

/s/ Artis M. Roenspies, Deputy City Clerk