

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21st 2011

Voting members present: Doug Elliot, Bob Fleming, George Troupis, Bill Mott: Others members present: Jon Foster City Arborist, Doug Skates Park Board Chairman

George Troupis called meeting to order at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

Minutes from July 20th were unanimously approved. No public comments were given, and there was no park board report.

The city arborist was asked to give his report: He requested to have 6 trees approved for removal. One tree was rejected because it was not hazardous or dying, the other five Bob Fleming motioned we approve Doug Elliot seconded the motion, and 5 were approved unanimously. The addresses for these removals were: 1003 Main St., 406 Spring St., 420 Elmwood, 717 Gardener, 601 South Lake Shore Drive.

Discussion ensued concerning the tree replacement budget, George Troupis and Bill Mott discussed concerns on why the replacement program was removed from the budget and others added comment, Bill suggested the board members attend the Committee of the Whole October 3rd, and voice their concerns. George further discussed concerns for loss of trees in the community from EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) and from other trees removed. Mention was made of the 300 city terrace ash trees to be lost and the possible 3000 private trees within the city limits and the removal of at least 50 trees a year due to disease and hazard. It was stated that if we don't continue to replant we are going to really notice the loss. George and other members plan on voicing their opinions at the upcoming meetings for public awareness of EAB and the replanting program. It was stated that 15,000 dollars has covered most of the replanting program for the past 5 years and that it should be put back in the budget for 2012. George also mentioned the importance of letting the community know that there are treatments for EAB and that we need to get the information to the public.

There was no old business discussed and no comments for open forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jon Foster