

Lake Geneva Tree Board

July 17, 2013

The Lake Geneva Tree Board was called to order by President Candy Kirchberg at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance:

Joe Esposito – absent
Al Kupsik – Park Board – present
Dan Andresen – present
George Troupis – present
Bob Flemming – excused
Clara Jacobs – present
Candy Kirchberg – present
John Foster – Arborist – present
Ron Carstensen – present
Jim Connors – Mayor – absent

Minutes of the April 24 meeting were approved upon a motion by George Troupis and seconded by Dan Andresen. Approved.

Public Comments: President Candy reported that Mary Weeden on Pleasant St had planted day lilies by her trees and had offered plants for neighbors. Candy also introduced Floradel Scarborough, representing the Maple Park District.

Arborist – John Foster: John distributed several photos of distressed trees and the need for removal. Penny Jones on Dodge St expressed concern about a cabled tree and limb concerns. John will check out the tree. John had emailed the list of 64 tree replacements. Discussion if some of these could be planted with TIF money. Al Kupsik stressed the need for trees to be planted at the Skate Board Park. John reported that 150 trees had been treated for the ash borer and at the present time only 1 has died. John will check in 2 years for further treatment and at the least, recommended in 3 years. Treatment is best done in May. Need to put the cost together for future treatment. The Department of Agriculture has released the wasp in Big Foot State Park for experimental treatment. Full list of tree removal is 100, several of those being ash trees. 25 trees need to come down

now, plus another 11. Dan Andresen made a motion to remove all 36, seconded by Candy Kirchberg. Motion carried. There is still some Dutch Elm Disease in the area. John reported the replanting list and would like to plant varieties to achieve a 5% total of each variety. The city had become overloaded with maples in the past. A question came up about number of trees planted and John reported that we have planted at least 2 times the amount of removals.

Guest Floradel Scarborough questioned the Electric Co and their responsibility of trimming around wires.

Dan Andresen talked about viewing signage for labeling varieties of trees in Library Park. Dan and George Troupis will check on types available and price. Next meeting September 18. Motion to adjourn by George Troupis, seconded by Dan Andresen.