

City of Lake Saint Louis

Tree Board Minutes

June 17, 2014

"To educate the Lake Saint Louis community on the importance of trees"

Call to Order: 5:30 pm by Ann Finklang

Roll Call:

Members present: Dee Davenport, Ann Finklang, Chris Griffith, Roy Zirges

Aldermanic Liaison present: Karen Vennard. Alternates Vacant

Staff: Daren Nolken, Director Parks and Recreation, Margaret Kozozenski, Horticulturist Technician
Skip Kincaid, Arborist Consultant with Davey's Resource Group via teleconference

Absent: Board member Joe Mulitsch

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Dee Motioned to approve minutes of the May 2014. Motioned carried.

Guest speaker this month: None

Staff Report: Work-in Process:

Conducted property inspections at the request of Planning and Zoning and the Parks Department.

Prepare a tree protection plan for the Planning Department

Launch Tree Keeper Software that allows the City to track inventory and manage trees. There is also a mobil app.

Work is planned on Civic Center Drive that will require trees to be removed, some are Ash trees. A plan will be developed to replace those trees.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found on an Ash tree in the City. A link to a EAB website has been put on the City's webpage and a press release was also issued. To provide residents with good information a list of City licensed Arborist's will also be included on the City's webpage.

Old Business:

Tree-rific Award: article was submitted to Newstime. Steve Geneary has donated trees and received the award.

TRIM Grant was submitted. It is anticipated the grant will fund the tree inventory planned for this fall.

VIII. New Business

- Possible public hearing on changes to the tree ordinance regarding Landmark trees Section 245.040. The hearing is scheduled for the July meeting of the Board of Alderman. The issue is whether the City can enforce an ordinance that denies a property owner the right to remove a landmark tree in order to build or improve the property. A presentation will be made to the TB on proposed changes.

Discuss Fruit trees in Veterans Park: These trees will not be removed.

Ornamental Pear Trees have been hit with fire blight particularly hard this year. These trees are in danger of dying.

The board has requested a report of the visits to landmark trees during the past 2 years. The general location, the reason for the request, the results of the visit and was the result contested.

Board Discussion: Tree Board is on vacation in July, next meeting will be August 19, 2014.

To Do List:

Identifying Landmark Trees in our Community

Adjourn: Chris motioned to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm