

**MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**November 13, 2012**  
**Department of Public Works Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Mike Penckofer, Glen Pfeffer, Rick Schwarz and Todd Holschbach.

Staff Present: None

Guests: 3 Roncalli High School students present to observe

The meeting was called to order by M. Penckofer at 4:30 PM

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by T. Holschbach and seconded by R. Schwarz; minutes were approved.

No tree maintenance report

Agenda Item # 5, Tree Ordinances, Planting Policy and Removal was tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item #6, Downtown and Calumet Ave. Trees. There was discussion of the need to have a tree plan for Calumet Avenue as new businesses and roads are established/maintained. It was agreed that more trees on Calumet would enhance and improve the area.

M. Penckofer stated that many of the current Calumet/Downtown trees are in pits that are not large enough for shade-tree type trees. It was suggested that smaller ornamentals are more appropriate for many areas. M. Penckofer suggested that male Ginko trees be considered. A discussion of the benefits of Ginko trees followed.

It was stated that the Tree Commission should take a look at the road/street plans for Calumet Ave.. Rick Schwarz stated he would secure planning maps for the area.

G. Pfeffer stated that snow removal and utility lines may be an issue as we consider plantings on Calumet.

The commissioners discussed the desirability of having tree plans/species integrated with street/road plans. R.Schwarz will work with the Planning Dept to determine if this type of integration is possible. There was a discussion of grant funding opportunity including tree documentation grant(s).

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Holschbach