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**MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION MEETING
CITIZEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, August 18, 2009 4:45 PM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chairman Glenn Pfeffer, Alderman, Nic Levendusky
Rick Schwarz; and Todd Holschbach

Ex-Officio Present: Joe McLafferty; Randy Albright and Allen Boruch

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pfeffer at 4:46pm.
- II. A motion was made by N. Levendusky, seconded by T. Holschbach to approve the Friday, April 24th 2009 Municipal Tree Commission minutes as written. The motion carried by all.
- III. Assistant Parks Director R. Albright gave a report on tree maintenance from April 24, 2009 to Aug 2009. Thirty-Eight trees were accomplished during this period. Six trees from Waldo Boulevard were removed and the staff is currently working on that stretch of parkland. 31 of these trees were maple removals.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Director J. McLafferty reported on the Red Arrow Beach Erosion Control Project – Wildflower and grass plantings During May, K&L Construction did the earthwork on the banks at Red Arrow Park. They reshaped the banks and planted no mow grass seed in these areas.

In July, 10,000 plants were placed at Red Arrow Park by Parks and Recreation staff and a group of volunteers. These plants were meant to stabilize the bottom portion of the bank and give the hillside beauty in the future.

K&L Construction will seed the hillside at Red Arrow with no mow grass seed. The Parks and Recreation staff will also rebuild the existing handicap platform at Red Arrow Park.



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- b. Assistant Parks Director reported on a stimulus grant was put in through the Federal government by the City of Manitowoc for Silver Creek Park. The City was notified that the grant was not approved. Therefore, we will need to try other avenues to reshape the banks over at Silver Creek Park in the future.

V. New Business

- a. Director J. McLafferty and Assistant Parks Director R. Albright reported that an ash borer was found in a live trap in Green Bay. The NE WI Urban Forestry professionals put out a press release in June. So far there is no quarantine for EAB in Brown County or the latest find in Kenosha County. Six counties: Crawford, Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Vernon, and Washington counties are currently quarantined. Bill McNee, Urban Forestry professional from Green Bay is keeping us updated on the status of EAB.
- b. Assistant Parks Director R. Albright reported several dead trees are being removed on Waldo Boulevard in the upcoming weeks. As mentioned six are already down and there are about 12 more trees to go. The parks staff is working weekly to remove these trees. We will need to find a mechanism to remove the stumps in this area as well.
- c. Director J. McLafferty sent out a letter to Lakeside Boulevard residents. There were over 300 letters sent to the surrounding neighborhoods. I have received 3 calls to date from neighbors. One wants to see the Lake and two had ideas on what should be done with the Boulevard. All parties understand that it takes tax dollars to complete any work on the boulevard.
- d. Director J. McLafferty reported that Jason Bass, Stratapoint and Logan Nelson are putting the finishing touches on the Parks Tree management plan. I will be providing this plan in draft form to the Commission as soon it comes back to me. Jason is working on finishing the GIS update on the Street Trees. I am hoping to complete this grant by November 1, 2009.

VI. The next Meeting Scheduled for November 17, 2009. There is a budget meeting for all Boards that you are invited to next Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in this upstairs conference room beginning at 5:30pm.

VII. A motion was made by R. Schwarz, seconded by N. Levendusky to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. The motion carried by all.