



Tree Committee Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7pm
Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm – meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chair De Boer.
Present: Shane Sheets, Harrison De Boer, Katelyn Pederson, Tim Spletzer, Sam LaRose, Cal LaRose, Terry Hughes
Guests Present: Sarah Sheets, Danielle De Boer
Staff Present: Consultant Amy Soeffker
2. Pledge of Allegiance – All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of April 1, 2025, agenda – Motion by De Boer to approve the agenda with the addition of Sarah Sheets/Community Garden, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.
4. Approval of March 4, 2025, minutes – Motion by Sheets to approve the agenda, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried.
5. Old business
 - A. Tree City application status update – Soeffker reported that their application was approved.
 - B. 2025 goals progress:
 - Finish tree inventory- Cal Larose reported 75% complete.
 - Medication plan for Emerald Ash Borer- waiting to identify, Worm reported that if it's present, it's already too late to treat, Cal LaRose will get a quote from Larry Johnson our arborist.
 - Acquiring grants- nothing available yet.
 - Community engagement and education – Cal LaRose will ask Larry Johnson for information and check with the U of M Extension offices.
 - C. TreePlotter update – 75% complete
 - Baseball park inventory completion – Cal LaRose reported that it is done, half of the trees are Ash trees.

- Plan for trees identified for removal/treatment – will plan to pre-treat trees city or residents would like to save. Hoping that city can residents can have trees treated at the same time for a discounted rate.
 - Volunteer tree removal discussion – Mayor Sheets to check on the liability of having volunteers remove trees.
- D. Newsletter distribution update – Sam LaRose/Mayor Sheets shared a copy of the e-newsletter that just went out.
- E. Housing development tree requirements
- Update on inclusion in Sharda Enclave's development agreement- Soeffker reported that the EDA is still waiting for the attorneys to complete the development agreement for Sharda Enclave. Soeffker will ensure that the tree requirement is included.
 - Progress on adding to Zoning Code via CPIC – De Boer gave an update on the work being done by CPIC to the Zoning Code and to the website.
6. New business
- A. Review and create recommended tree list – Worm handed out the list of trees from Turck's Trees and suggested the committee take a trip to Turcks Tree's to see the tree options. Sarah Sheets may travel there to get a tree or two for the community.
- B. Arbor Day planning – Mayor Sheets handed out a draft of the Arbor Day Proclamation. Arbor Day will be celebrated April 25th. A tree will be planed in the new community garden. Members are to meet at the city hall at 5:45 pm for a group photo.
- C. Volunteer tree removal day planning Adjournment- Would like to remove trees at the head of the Lions Park along Hwy 25 and any along walking paths that could be dangerous. Sheets to look into city liability with volunteers.
- D. Sarah Sheets provided information to the Committee on the planned Community Garden.
7. Adjournment- Motion by De Boer to adjourn the meeting at 8pm, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.

Secretary Amy Soeffker

Chair Harrison De Boer