



Tree Committee Minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7pm
Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm – Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Harrison De Boer.
Present: Harrison De Boer, Katelyn Pederson, Sam LaRose, Shane Sheets, Cal LaRose, Craig Worm, Tim Spletzer, Terry Hughes
Staff Present: Consultant Amy Soeffker
Guests Present: Danielle De Boer
2. Pledge of Allegiance – All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of May 6, 2025, agenda – Motion by Sheets to approve the agenda, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried.
4. Approval of April 1, 2025, minutes – Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried.
5. Old business
 - A. 2025 goals progress:
 - Finish tree inventory - Per Cal LaRose this is complete except for boulevard trees. De Boer would like to see DBH and update varieties as well.
 - Update on 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.
 - Motion by Sam LaRose to recommend to Council to approve the Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Contract for six years with L&T Tree Services, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried.
 - Motion by De Boer to recommend to Council to approve Proposal #628 for Emerald Ash Borer treatment in the amount of \$7,089 billed every other year for the six-year contract period, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.

- Motion by De Boer to recommend to Council to approve Proposal #672 to the tree removal of Bur Oak on hillside at softball park and remove stump, seconded by Sheets. Motion carried.
 - Acquiring grants – Soeffker reported that the last Emerald Ash Borer grant DNR grants awards were in 2023, none were awarded in 2024, but she will keep looking for grant options.
 - Community engagement and education – Cal LaRose will ask Larry Johnson for information and check with the U of M Extension offices (attached)
 - Motion by De Boer to use both pamphlets by L&T and the U of M Extension office, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.
 - Recommended Tree List
 - The motion by De Boer to have the tree committee recommend the following tree list to residents and developers, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.
 - Maple
 - Oak
 - Hackberry
 - Walnut
 - Locust
- B. Housing development tree requirements
- Update on inclusion in Sharda Enclave's development agreement- Soeffker stated that she requested that two trees per lot be added to the Sharda Enclave development agreement, but that has not seen a draft yet. Will update the group.
 - Progress on adding to Zoning Code via CPIC – De Boer will work on adding this language to the zoning code for discussion at the next CPIC meeting
- C. Volunteer tree removal day planning- Consensus of the group that it was not needed at this time.
6. New business
- A. Recap of Arbor Day by Mayor Shane Sheets, shared article from the *Arlington Enterprise*.**
 - B. Worm reported that MnDOT would be in Green Isle in approximately three weeks for some tree work. Mayor Sheets requested that committee members use the MnDOT accessibility issue form to contact MnDOT regarding sidewalk issues (tree roots lifting sidewalks, etc.)**
 - C. Hope Garden – the committee would like to thank those who donated, Turck’s Trees, Diversified Plumbing, Lions, etc. on the City website under the Parks section.**
7. Adjournment – Motion by De Boer to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.

Secretary Amy Soeffker

Chair Harrison De Boer