

Minutes from Tree Commission Meeting – November 6, 2012

Members present: Kathryn Comish, Barb Stallard, Daryl Newman, Mark Rosen, Ellen Limestall

Meeting called to order by chairperson Barb Stallard at 4:05 p.m

No guests were present for the public forum.

Old Business Discussed article from Newsleader, recommended we routinely submit information to the Pioneer as well. “My favorite tree” has gotten a better public response than articles previously submitted.

Update on removal of old oak tree in cemetery – Mark Rosen reported the progress. Discussion on possibility of preserving a wedge. Remnants left in shed, or picture of before to go with remains for a display.

Daryl previously volunteered to collect material for the Latzer library display in April. He will talk to Bill and Mark about resources previously used.

Update on removal from a resident tree, a maple, Mark reported no updates, assume satisfied.

The list of committee members contact information was passed around again for those not present at the last meeting to verify information was correct.

The “Open Meeting Act” an on line training and questionnaire needs to be completed by all members with a copy of the certificate given to Lana at City Hall for the record.

Emerald Ash Borer threat discussed. Each community responds differently. Highland has roughly 126 Ash trees located on city property. Mark said Ryan plans to inventory this winter. Mark Black, a resident offered to report to the committee on his experimenting with four different treatments. Daryl uses inject able treatments with his business. Approximate cost is \$100-120 per 40-50 ft tree which is more economical than removal. Mark said boxes have previously been placed around to monitor progression into the area. The discussion was in regards to deciding upon a plan of action. Consensus was to react only to infected trees rather than to react before trees show signs or symptoms of infestation.

New Business Discussion on recommendation of a tree suggested for removal by a resident on Hillcrest. Daryl suggested that it posed a threat to the home and would be a good idea to remove it if the city is responsible because it is on city property. Mark will talk to Ryan about it.

Kathryn agreed to submit information to the newspapers about recommended Christmas tree disposal. Barb will check for last year’s information sheets supplied to those who sell the trees.

Mark Rosen will invite Mark Black to the next meeting. Daryl will bring in the equipment he uses to show one treatment option.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Comish.