

**City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2012**

Call to order by Karen McCulloch, designated chair.

Roll call:

Members present: , Karen McCulloch, Karen Coburn, Andrew Crone, Bev Stone, Brandon Knedler, Jay Craggs

City staff present: Brian Neumeister

Citizens Present: Roy Nosek, Richard Ehrenberg

Agenda: Special meeting is only to hear reports from previously scheduled citizen speakers. This meeting is called on this date because the regularly scheduled meeting on August 28, 2012 lacked a quorum.

Guest Speakers:

Speaker Roy Nosek: Tree Selection and Planting Methods.

Each member received a copy of the speech to follow as Roy read from the script. The information included: tree species and their attributes, site placing, format (bare root, etc.), and planting time.

Slides illustrated various points in the presentation. Considerations presented were the quadrant planting system, survey procedures, planting methods, native and non-native choices, the case for diversity, and placement of ornamental trees.

We discussed how the Emerald Ash Tree Borer arrival in Whitewater might impact the Quadrant Plan for planting. Questions presented were whether to plant many small trees as ready made replacements (Cambridge Tree Project), using an auger to plant trees more quickly, and a more flexible planting season by storing bare root trees in pea gravel which could lead to more Fall planting and less summer watering.

Richard Ehrenberg passed out copies with extensive information concerning Native species. We didn't have time to cover the information but may do so at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Coburn