

CITY OF WHITEWATER
4th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 8, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

APPROVED - MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by chair - Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Peter Disley, Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Tom Miller, Prudence Negley. Members absent - Beverly Stone, Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Chuck Nass, Cameron Claperr. Others present - Roy Nosek.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The item of Emerald Ash Borer was moved ahead of natural lawn.
3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: MOTION by Negley with a second by Disley that the minutes be approved with a further clarification added to "natural lawns". Carried unanimously.
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Cameron Claperr introduced himself and said he was here to get acquainted with our commission.
5. PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REPORT: Miller said that the Walmart landscaping plan is not yet available and that no information is available on the newly revised landscaping guidelines being considered. The P&ARB meets on the 3rd Monday of each month.
6. PARK AND RECREATIONAL BOARD REPORT: Negley said they toured all the parks and were impressed with all the fine parks we have in the city. A new rain garden has been planted by the new shelter at Trippe Lake. Volunteers planted the native perennials on 'make a difference day'. Nass said it will be maintained by university students.
7. URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN: Chairperson - Tiiu Gray-Fow raised a concern that we need additional meetings to work on our urban forestry management plan which we need to submit to the Park and Recreation Board. It was agreed the meetings would be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. so that Nass could be involved. Interested citizens would be welcome to participate. Members who volunteered to participate are Gray-Fow, Disley, Negley and Ehrenberg. We took approximately 20 minutes to work on guidelines for spring planting plans, the work of which will continue at the first additional work session. The issue of whether or not 'natural lawn' guidelines should be included in a UFC management plan was raised. Our ordinance, established by the Common Council, presently limits us to guidelines for trees and shrubs only.
8. EMERALD ASH BORER: Ehrenberg reported that Grafton, Wisconsin, has a program in place to preserve as many city ash trees as possible. They are marking all public trees with yellow ribbons to indicate to the public where all the ash trees exist which will be killed by the borer. A program to adopt-an-ash-tree will allow anyone with a street tree in front of their house and business, pay the city approximately \$25.00 for each tree to have it treated by the city. Adopted trees then have the yellow ribbons replaced with green ribbons.
9. ADJOURN: MOTION by Miller and second by Disley to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Drafted by the secretary - Richard Ehrenberg, 6-13-2010

Richard Ehrenberg