

MEQUON TREE BOARD MINUTES  
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The meeting was called to order on December 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairperson Pam Adams and Members Clair Krause, Carol Bangs and Kerry Mattingly. Also present were Mequon City Forester Ken Baker and Matt Cudney from Veridian Homes.

The following matters were considered by the Committee and action taken as indicated. It is respectfully requested that this report be accepted and the recommendations made herein be approved.

1. Approval of the October 28, 2015 Tree Board minutes

**Action:**

Member Krause motioned to approve the minutes, Member Mattingly seconded, and the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

2. Street Tree Plan for Enclave at Mequon Preserve

**Discussion:**

Carol Bangs met with the landscape architect that was hired by Veridian Homes for the street tree plan. There was a discussion regarding the ordinance dictating that one tree be planted for every 30' of lineal roadway and how this works with the driveways. The Tree Board also discussed the street tree list and how it needs to be reworked.

**Action:**

Member Bangs motioned to approve the street tree plan with the ability to move trees to a more natural planting because of the driveways. Member Mattingly seconded, and the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

3. Arbor Day Discussion: April 24, 2016

**Discussion:**

City Forester Baker informed the Committee that Assistant City Administrator Jesse Thyges has okayed the Logemann Center as the event location on April 24, 2016. Chairperson Adams stated that she received an e-mail from Kristin Gies, Mequon Nature Preserve Manager, requesting that the Arbor Day Festival be moved to the Mequon Nature Preserve (MNP), and the MNP could work with the City to partner the event. The Tree Board discussed whether they want to expand the event and whether the event should be moved to the MNP. The Tree Board and the City have been working together on the event for over 20 years, and the Tree Board would like to have the final say as to where the location of the event will be. They would also like to discuss this further with the MNP and possibly transition to a new location.

It was also brought up that City Forester Baker will check into the Council's statement and the mission statement of the Tree Board.

4. City of Mequon Policy Manual for Tree Protection and Preservation

**Discussion:**

The Board would like to go through the whole manual and make changes to the ordinance and policy.

5. Emerald Ash Borer – Street Tree Replacement Program

**Discussion:**

Forester Baker stated to the Board that the city will be replacing 300 trees associated with the Ash tree removal. Some of the trees will be planted on properties where trees were removed and some trees will be planted in other areas of the city. One area that Baker recommended was along Lake Shore Drive south of Highland Road. This was well-received by the Board.

6. New Business

**Discussion:**

Member Mattingly suggested that when developers are preparing their street tree plan, they have an advisory meeting with the Tree Board to determine what type of plants will work with the land. The other members thought this was a good idea.

7. Adjourn

Chairperson Adams motioned to approve the meeting at 8:30 p.m., Member Bangs seconded the motion, and it passed by a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MEQUON TREE BOARD

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