

**Minutes of the Dane County Tree Board  
Held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 4 pm  
Lyman Anderson Center, Room 1C**

Present: Larry Meiller, Corey George, Marla Eddy, Paul Rusk,

Absent: Scott Nelson, Jeff Olson, R Bruce Allison

Also Present: Lisa Johnson, Kathy Gonzales, Mark Guthmiller, Doug Pearson, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Madison Metropolitan School District

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.
2. Meiller moved and Rusk seconded to approve the June 24, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.
3. Announcements:
  - October 9 WI Dells Roots
  - September 23, Guthmiller DNR Gypsy moth grant application, training, Fish Hatchery Rd
  - September 25 DNR Gypsy moth grant application, training, Fish Hatchery Rd
4. School District Management Plan Discussion on Gypsy Moth (GM) response plans:  
Pearson stated that the gypsy moth infests Whitehorse/Schenk, Allis and Hoyt schools. Management plan quote is \$4,500 for one school. DNR did spray the sites, but control was not optimal and other methods need to be used in conjunction with the spray, but there is no staff or budget to do it. Inventory of properties for risk management. High use, recreational areas, special trees and resources affected should be prioritized. Prioritizing what funding, operation and grounds personnel are available, Grants, fundraisers may be needed. Planting plans for replacement if large trees die. Look at species, proper siting. Timing for control, who does surveys, maintenance, mulching, outreach education.

DNR state properties: Look at property goals recreational areas, especially high use areas impacted by GM. Resources affected, high risk areas, timing for controls/monitoring. Prioritizing and funding for treatments.

Create a template? Can Tree Board participate in development and is there funding for someone to do it? Partner with Morgridge Center? They do service learning and community-based strategies. Ray Gurries, facilitator. We might be able to produce or co-produce educational materials. Gypsy moth Powerpoint? Educational display?

George, Johnson, Gonzalez, Guthmiller should have a conversation with Gurries first to see if this is feasible and if they are interested in partnering on this.

5. EAB planning process. DNR working on recommendations yet. Outreach, public meetings requests go to Tree Board. Outreach to non-English speakers. Need materials in Hmong and Spanish. The Tree Board could write a letter to DNR to ask them to create non-English materials.

A motion was made by Meiller, seconded by George for Eddy to write the letter. Discussion to form an EAB subcommittee of the Tree Board. Invite Bob Manwell. There is no county/city response plan yet. Marsh has a new person Anna Willow. Laura Wyatt does DNR communication outreach. Jennifer Statz to do wood utilization studies. Invite Manwell, Willow and Statz for next meeting. Radio ads?

6. Table public educational goals until next month with more members present.
7. Other business: Eddy will check into tree door hangers designed by Milwaukee.
8. Next meetings are Tuesday October 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) and Tuesday, November 18 (regular date of 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.)
9. Motion to adjourn by Meiller, second by Rusk. Meeting adjourned.

**Action Items**

Johnson	Photos of table top displays
Johnson	Chris Williamson EAB treatment fact sheet-print for Board
George, Johnson, Gonzalez, Guthmiller	Have conversation with Ray Gurries re: gypsy moth, Gonzales will call him
Eddy	Check into tree door hangers
Eddy	Write letter to DNR requesting non-English materials on EAB
Tree Board	Form EAB subcommittee
Eddy	Invite Manwell, Willow and Statz to next Tree Board meeting
Eddy	Try to get Allison for next month

Submitted by Lisa Johnson