

**Minutes of the Dane County Tree Board  
Held on Tuesday, Oct 28, 2008 at 4 pm  
Lyman Anderson Center, Room 1C**

Present: Marla Eddy, Bruce Allison, Larry Meiller, Scott Nelson, Jeff Olson, Corey George

Absent: Paul Rusk, Lisa Johnson

Also present: Sue Bridson, Anna Willow

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.
2. Allison corrected September 16, 2008 minutes to correctly spell (Ray) Guries in item no. 4 and in Action items. Meiller moved and Allison seconded to approve minutes with changes. Motion carried.
3. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Anna Willow, the EAB wood utilization LTE with Dane County Parks Department, provided an update on her work with EAB. In early September Willow started working to create an informational resource for EAB management and wood utilization. The information could eventually be available on-line. Willow is working to generate a network between arborists and sawmills, and looking into partnerships with groups like DCTB and the UW. Plans are to have a rough draft for the tree board to review in January or February before it is submitted to the Dane County Board of Supervisors.
4. Public education: Discussion on how to best utilize the \$3,853 remaining in the DCTB 2008 budget. Eddy provided samples of an EAB door hanger from Greening Milwaukee.

Allison suggested creating a resource listing trees that are good replacements for ash, and possibly labeling trees on county land so residents have a place to learn what the mature replacements look like.

Meiller offered that the DCTB website is in need of upgrading as this was a major public educational tool. Discussion of contracting with a professional to improve the site was thought by the board to be a good use of the remaining budget. Allison moved and Olson seconded to spend up to \$3,853 to hire a website designer to upgrade the DCTB website. Motion carried.

Nelson will check with Harriet Maybeck-Tolly from Thunder Ridge Inc., and Meiller will check with Don Stanley from UW Madison to determine their cost and desire to work with the tree board. Eddy, Meiller, and Nelson will evaluate the information from Tolly and Stanley, and will choose the one that best fits the needs of the tree board.

5. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 18, 2008.
6. Motion to adjourn by Nelson, seconded by Olson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Submitted by Scott Nelson