

Minutes of the Dane County Tree Board

Held on Tuesday, Oct 20, 2009 at 4 PM

Lyman Anderson Center, Room 1C

1 Fen Oak Ct, Madison, WI 53718

Present: Nancy Schlimgen, Paul Rusk, Marla Eddy, Scott Nelson

Absent: R. Bruce Allison, Larry Meiller.

Also present: Darren Marsh (Dane County Parks), Tom Stoebig (County Board Supervisor), Lisa Johnson UWEX

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM
2. Minutes of September 15, 2009 approved. Rusk made **motion for approval**, Scott seconded.
Motion carried
3. Gypsy Moth update: Darren Marsh stated that notices (and gypsy moth call logs) have been sent to municipalities so they can apply for the spray grant. Municipalities in Dane County should notify Parks by November 6 of their intent to participate. Grant applications are due to Parks by November 14. Parks will turn in grant apps plus maps of spray blocks to DNR by December 4. Darren's LTE support position for gypsy moth calls and mapping has been eliminated. Some new DNR spray criteria: a minimum 50% canopy coverage for all blocks, a minimum 150' distance between egg mass survey points, a minimum 20 acre block "after" objector exclusions, and new block design criteria including a minimum 300' width for all blocks and for blocks under 50 acres, widths must be at least 300' and in multiples of 150' with all corners at right angles. Also look for clarification on required contact information for public service notification lists this year.
4. Fall public education: Eddy and Johnson would like to do EAB programs for the public. Marsh suggested the target audience should be municipal public works/forestry/parks staff so they have models and templates to use for managing EAB in their communities. At the *Coping with the Costs* conference, Eddy, Schlimgen and Johnson received a lot of new EAB information and resources that can be used in programming. Important to have public works staff take the lead in their own municipalities; we educate them on latest best management practices (BMPs) so they can make the best, most cost-effective management decisions. Johnson runs an annual short-course in January for the green industry and hopes to bring some of the speakers from the conference to speak on their EAB management experiences. A presentation for the County Board was discussed. Also discussion as to funding speakers and handout materials.
5. Report on *Coping with the Costs* conference was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.
6. Board vacancies: Allison will stay one more year. Meiller is leaving immediately due to family and university obligations. George has already declined re-appointment. That leaves two vacancies, one of which should be a media person. Meiller will check with Ron Seely, science writer for the WSJ and instructor at the Life Sciences Communication department on the UW-Madison Ag campus. Ed Bartell (Fitchburg Forester) and Steve Haft (McFarland Parks Director) were suggested for the other spot during the September 15, 2009 Tree Board meeting. In the meantime, Lance Bright of Carrington Lawn and Tree Care LLC made an inquiry into and showed an interest in joining the Tree Board. Johnson is waiting to hear if Olson talked to Haft or

Bartell before pursuing this new possibility. Bright has been referred to Gina Hill re: the application process.

7. Such other business as authorized by law: Budget concerns for Tree Board. The county executive's 2010 county budget plan eliminates Tree Board funding completely. Eddy has generously offered to have city of Madison pay for the 2009 Arbor Day trees she was not reimbursed for yet, although the board had approved the expense. That would put approximately \$1,700 back into the current budget. Eddy will write a letter to the county executive requesting that Schlimgen's funding to attend the *Coping with the Costs* conference (which was approved by the Tree Board but not by the Controller's Office, and the Tree Board did not receive notice of this until after Schlimgen and Johnson left) be approved. Rusk made a **motion** that \$2,500 of the current Tree Board funds (or what is left after fall educational events) be carried over (if allowed) so the Board has a budget for next year. The motion was to rescind funding for the new Tree Board brochure (\$1,700), the website address change (\$200), \$100 from the Troy Gardens project, and \$500 from the Arbor Day refund for a total of \$2,500 for the 2010 budget. Eddy seconded. The **motion carried**.
8. **Motion** for adjournment made by Eddy, seconded by Rusk. The **motion carried**. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Johnson