

**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Tree Advisory Board Meeting of Monday, May 16, 2016
6:30 p.m. before Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Public Works Conference Room
405 w. Saint Julien Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 19, 2013

IV. VISITORS

- A. Scheduling of Visitor Comments on Agenda Items
- B. General Visitors Comments

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Forestry Program Overview
 - 1. Planting
 - 2. Pruning
 - 3. Removal
 - 4. Tree Inventory
 - 5. Emerald Ash Bore (EAB) Update/ Management Plan
 - a) Quarantine Area
 - b) Tree Holding Area
 - c) EAB Watch Zone (Buffer Zone)
 - d) Private Property Concerns
- B. Environmental Services Program
 - 1. Compost Site
 - 2. Fall Leaf Pick-Up (Once a year)
 - 3. Curbside Brush Pick-Up (Twice a year)
 - 4. Mosquito Control
 - 5. Downtown Planters and Medians

VII. REPORTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

**MINUTES OF THE TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2013**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Saint Peter Tree Advisory Board was conducted in the Conference Room of the Public Works Department in the City of Saint Peter on February 19, 2013

A quorum present, Chairperson Stuart Douglas called the meeting to order at 8:37 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: L. Lee Alger, Charles Burgess, Stuart Douglas, Bob Meeks, Mike Meffert, Larry Potts and David Ringler. The following Board Members were absent: Steve Alger, Bill Kautt, Jeff Brand and Jennifer Leslie. The following ex-officio was present: Lewis Giesking, Director of Public Works. Also present, Tim Mayo, Maintenance Superintendent and Raoul Blackman, Assistant Forester.

Approval of Agenda – Charles Burgess a motion, seconded by L. Lee Alger to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes – Mike Meffert made a motion, seconded by David Ringler to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting. With all in favor, the minutes were approved.

Emerald Ash Borer Proposed Tree Ordinance Modification – Raoul Blackman gave an overview on the Emerald Ash Borer and suggested changes to the city's tree regulations. It is an invasive boring insect that was first found in Michigan around 2002 that left untreated will kill Ash trees once it infects them. It has spread through the Midwest and has been identified in two areas in Minnesota – Southwest Region and the Twin Cities. The insect is spread through the movement of wood. The proposed ordinance is designed to be pro-active. Once a tree is infected there is a 99.7% fatality rate when left untreated. The chemical treatment while expensive can save a tree. The City has approximately 1,500 Ash Trees on public property and 15% off the boulevard trees in town are Ash trees. If the proposed ordinance is approved it will make it unlawful to plant Ash trees going forward on public or private property in Saint Peter. A discussion was held. In motion by Bob Meeks, seconded by L. Lee Alger Resolution No.2013-01 entitled "A Resolution Recommending An Amendment to the Tree Disease Control and Prevention Ordinance" was introduced. Upon roll call, Members L. Lee Alger, Charles Burgess, Stuart Douglas, Bob Meeks and Mike Meffert voting ayes and Members Larry Potts and David Ringler voting nays, the Resolution was declared passed. A completed copy of Resolution No. 2013-01 is contained in the Public Work's book entitled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Resolutions.

Adjournment – Charles Burgess made a motion, seconded by David Ringler to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Leslie, Recording Secretary

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Forestry Program Overview

Plantings

- Trees planted in 2015 = 146 (Walnut, Maple, Basswood, Swamp White Oak, Hackberry, River Birch, Honey Locust, Bur Oak)
- A variety of different species for our nursery stock comes from the DNR and SWCD, the City nursery is located at the area of Highway 22 North and County Road 15
- Areas we've planted in the past are Nicollet Meadows Trail System, McGill Park, South Washington Avenue Storm Water Basin

Pruning

- Pruning in 2015 = 277 boulevard trees including all Oaks per City Ordinance
- Pruning up to a height of 14' above roadway. This will help so garbage trucks, City trucks, sweepers, and haulers don't hit them and bust off.
- Trimming out any crossing branches and bad crotches that maybe a hazard for the tree in a high wind event.

Removal

- Trees removed in 2015 = 174 (Ash, Honey Locust, Elm, Silver Maple, Norway Maple, Basswood, Hackberry and Sugar Maple)
- Some trees were removed due to new construction or driveways

Tree Inventory

- See attached chart

Emerald Ash Bore (EAB)

- Quarantined areas identified on the attached map, throughout the State of Minnesota.
- The City's need to identify a holding area within the City limits.
- Advise the public to their responsibility of trees on private property.

Environmental Services Overview

Compost Site Maintenance – City of Saint Peter drop off site on Swift Street. Approximately 3,700 cu. yds. of brush were mulched and used by Dakota Wood Grinding

- This is done when there is 2,000 cu. yds.
- The City's compost site is located in the old Unimin Gravel Pit southeast of Kasota
 - Grass and leaves are composted down to a usable material that is then screened and hauled back to Saint Peter City Compost Site for city residents to use.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up – one curbside pickup a year is completed for City residents

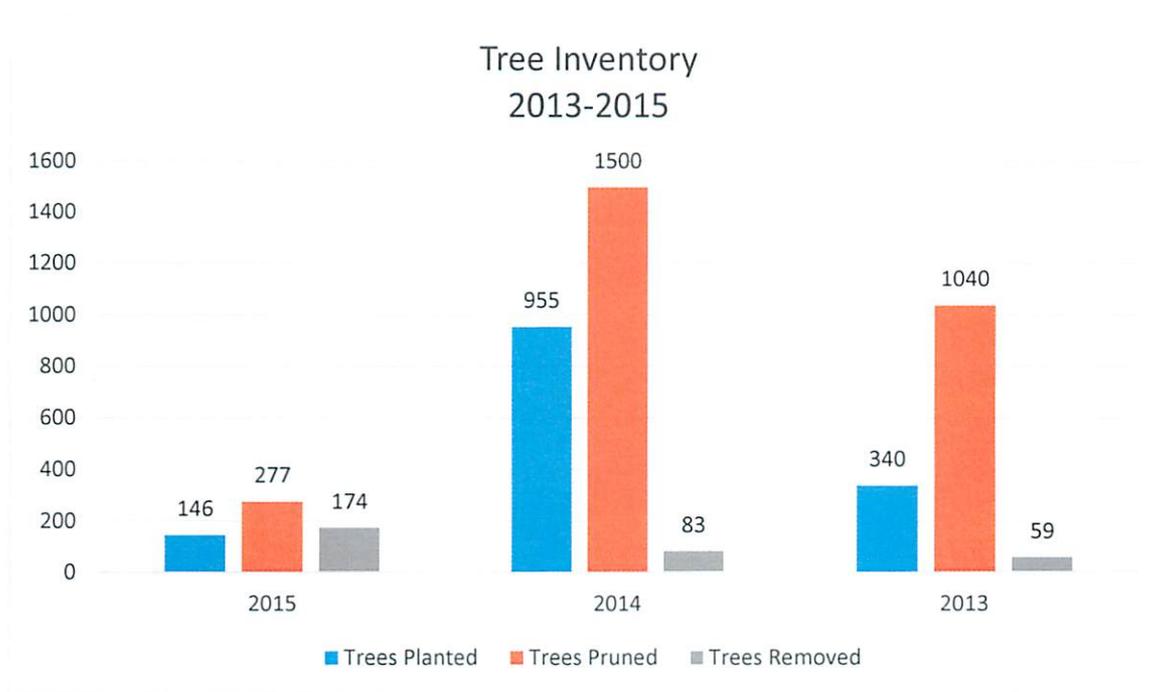
- Approximately 1,000 cu. yds. is collected

Spring and Fall Brush Pick-Up - two curbside pickups a year are completed for City residents in the Spring and Fall

- Approximately 280 cu. yds. total is collected each year

Spraying for mosquitoes – mosquito spraying is done for special events within the City and upon request.

Maintenance of Downtown Planters and Medians – planting, landscaping, weed whipping and mowing.



*Trees Planted – Includes new construction, seedlings/whips, bare root, container, ball and burlap

*Trees Pruned – Includes all winter tree pruning in City medians, boulevards and parks

*Trees Removed – Includes all boulevard trees, City parks and Natural Resource Areas

Emerald Ash Bore (EAB) Map 2016

