



# Tree Advisory Panel

## Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
LOCATION: Oxford Recreation Center

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric North, U of M
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Soutter, Council Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Jen Gehlhar, Chair, At Large Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloria Zaiger, Council Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Leben McCormick, Private Tree Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Spears, Vice Chair, Council Ward 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Heaton, Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Erick Goodlow, Parks Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Koetter, Council Ward 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Ronzani, Parks & Recreation—Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Anderson, Forestry/Panel Facilitator
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Weigum, Friends of Parks & Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Mumford, Council Ward 4

ADDITIONAL FORESTRY STAFF: Cy Kosel

GUESTS:

**Meeting called to order:** 6:06pm

**Review Minutes:** Minutes were not reviewed

**Announcements:**

- MnSTAC Field Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August
- MSA Fall Conference on October 6<sup>th</sup>
- MnSTAC Legislative bus tour September 26th

**Forestry Update:**

Cy Kosel discussed the recent budget news with regard the Mayor’s announcement that he plans to increase the parks budget for dealing with EAB. The Mayor proposed \$1.7 million increase to aid in ash tree removal and replanting on ROW and in parks. Barb suggested that TAP contact Ward Representatives and encourage them to support the increase.

**Member Updates:**

Chris Soutter discussed ideas for outreach:

- Tree Trivia; Pop-up tree treks; bring “Tree House of Horrors” to TAP events; TAP table display for events; template to Ward representatives; set up Mail Chimp to generate email lists for sending out information

Eric North discussed the recent Tree Trivia event. Around thirty people were in attendance for the event and nine teams were formed for the trivia competition. There was some discussion on the day of the week and the time of the event that might lead to even better results. Eric also mentioned the upcoming MnSTAC field day on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Barb Spears briefly discussed the MnSTAC board's efforts with the state legislature to pass funding for tree care. Barb also mentioned the upcoming legislative bus tour on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Ronzani sought input from the group for crabapple suggestions

Dan Anderson sought clarification on the bylaws, erroneously based off his review of an older version, which lead Cy to email everyone the updated, approved, and signed bylaws.

**Adjourn:** 7:10pm