

Tree Commission Meeting  
September 8, 2008  
City Hall  
City of Galesburg

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lyle Johnson @ 4:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Members Johnson, Trant, Ralston, Allen, Arborist Johnson, and Public Works Director, Larry Cox.

Absent: Member Gorham Minutes of the August 11, 2008 meeting were approved.

Arborist Report:

The Monthly Forestry Report was distributed, reviewed and accepted. Arborist Johnson has begun meeting with property owners who lost trees during the August 2007 windstorm and who received a letter.

Old Business:

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discussed. Member Allen discussed the Bayer Advanced treatment of Ash trees. She introduced Alderman Wayne Allen who provided details of the systemic Bayer product for homeowner use. They are providing information to get the word out about the products and options. As the Borer gets closer to Galesburg the City should consider treating at least some trees.

Info from Member Trant on the Bayer products was distributed.

The Dept. of Agriculture will establish what areas will require removal of Ash trees if and when the EAB is discovered.

A treatment/placement of the insecticide into the soil rather than on top may be preferred and more effective (root feeder).

Bayer also makes a product for commercial use.

Member Trant asked for more research on exactly what/who's trees must be removed when the EAB is discovered.

The insect traps set by the Dept. of Agriculture will be taken down in September and will have results in mid-October.

The City of Urbana is aggressively removing declining Ash trees that they would normally leave for 2 or 3 years before removing.

Jim Goodrich from Liqui-Green Lawn and Tree Care has worked with the Extension Office. He has applied pesticides at numerous trees in the area. He provided literature on Maugeit Imicide Systemic Insecticide and info from the Dept. of Agriculture on the EAB.

New Business:

Commission members are invited to the East Main Street Roundtable at 5:00 P.M. on September 9, 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

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Larry Cox, Director of Public Works