

Clean, Green & Safe Minutes

Attendees: David Ginople-Commissioner WPB
Wayne Janik-Commissioner WPB
Marjorie Isaacson-Committee Member
Judy Byin-Committee Member
Eleanor Mayer – WPB Program Assistant

Guest: Erik S. Grossnickle, Arborist Representative, Bartlett Tree Experts

Meeting Date: March 2, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Location: Janik's Café, 2011 W. Division St., on the first Tuesday of the month.

- **Presentation from**

- Presentation from Erik S. Grossnickle, Arborist Representative, Bartlett Tree Experts
 - Reviewed current and future status of our urban forest, the two grants that Futurity is applying for.
- Reviewed Emerald Ash borer, and bag worm prevention and removal. Bartlett Tree Expert services provided are evaluating the health of the urban forest, pruning of trees, ongoing inspections of the urban forest, identifying, and recommending resolution to problems.
 - Pruning of trees
 - Elm, Ash, Oak during their dormant period - Nov – Feb
 - Structural pruning should be done around 3 inch in size. Pruning needs to be done ASPA when there is damage to the tree.
 - Trees should need maintenance once every 2 to 3 years.
 - Life span of a tree near the street is around 15 to 20 years maximum, the average of is 10 to 15 years. The more care the longer the life.
 - Tree Mulch should be heavy wood chips. Bartlett Tree Experts can provide the wood chips at no cost, to any vendor that we use for urban forest maintenance, but there would be a cost of labor if Bartlett has to install mulch in tree pits.

- **Futurity Update.**

- Demo of Futurity Database.
- **Motion 1**
 - *Motion: To approve data cleanup in the WPB Landscape Database by Futurity. This work is to fix incorrect data provided by the City and the Cook County Office of the Assessor in the database and will not exceed \$3,100 from Line Item 3.09.*

- **Landscaping Contract**

- The Clean, Green and Safe committee has voted to break up the Landscaping contract into two parts. First RFP is for general maintenance of the landscaping and flower beds and second RFP is for the care, maintenance, long term care, and pruning of trees in the urban forest.

- **Christmas Decorations Update**

- On schedule to remove lights in the Polish Triangle in April.

- **Tree grate pilot project**
 - Erik recommends that heavy wood mulch would work best. On this recommendation the Clean, Green and Safe committee will table the tree grate pilot project and pursue a test of heavy wood mulch.
- **Christy Weber Update**
 - Contract is complete and paid in full.
- **CleanSlate Update**
 - Continue to remove snow as per contract. Service has been great.
 - Continue to clean streets as per contract.
- **Olsen Inc. Update**
 - Continue to remove snow as per contract. Service has been great. Wayne will check on the door hangar distribution along Division Street.
 - Eleanor has been receiving good reports on both vendors, from the public on the snow removal.
- **Commercial Recycling Program**
 - More surveys have been collected.