

**Devils Lake Shade Tree Committee**  
**4-13-23**

Members present: Cory Meyer, Paul Thompson, Terry Wallace, Terry Thompson, Cathy Olson, Tammy Meyer, Deb Follman, Helen Carlson.

Terry W called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

Discussion has been held regarding extra pay for the city forester work that Cory performs. Jason Pierce is attending a city commission meeting today and could not be at the Shade Tree meeting. He has had conversations with the city commission about including additional pay in the budget.

If there is further discussion to be had on the extra pay, Shade Tree could hold a quick meeting before the Arbor Day program in May to take action.

New Business:

Cathy made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy. Carried.

Staff report: Cory stated the emerald ash borer has been sited in Moorhead. Gerri Makay with NDSU Extension said there isn't a lot that can be done until it gets closer to Devils Lake. The options are pretty much cut trees that get infested or treat ash trees prior to infection at a cost of about \$200 per tree. The City hasn't planted ash trees for at least 15 years. Cory wants the Shade Tree Committee to be involved in the plans to prevent or treat the emerald ash borer. Cory said there may be 50/50 grant money available to do a tree inventory of all trees on the boulevards. The last inventory was done in the 80's. The biggest problem for spreading the disease is being carried in on firewood. Traps will be set out again this year to monitor the presence of the bug.

Deb suggested doing an article about the emerald ash borer and the damage that can be done.

Ash trees have not been an approved tree for planting for 10+ years. We need to take a look at the State's plan and put a long range plan in place for tree planting on the boulevards.

Tammy will bring a draft long range plan back to the Shade Tree Committee that will address emerald ash borer and tree inventory. She will work with Sara and Lindsay to complete the draft.

The annual Arbor Day program will be held May 18, 1:30 pm, Prairie View School. Tammy will contact Matt Bakke for guest speaker and Prairie View for special music. Mark and Eva Olson

will donate the tree to plant. Cory will plant the tree and Paul will stake the tree and put mulch around it. Helen will do programs, invitations, proclamation and advertising.

Bids will be accepted again for tree trimming on Walnut St and areas south.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry T. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson  
Recording Secretary