

**Devils Lake Shade Tree Committee**  
**7-13-23**

Present: Cory Meyer, Jason Pierce, Terry Wallace, Mark Olson, Tammy Meyer (phone), Nate Bennet, Lindsay Overmyer, Helen Carlson.

Tammy submitted a summary of treatment, timeline, resources and questions to address the emerald ash borer. One of the first things that needs to be done is a canopy survey of trees on the boulevards. Cory said there is a TIP program available to perform such surveys, but it is very time consuming and requires intensive training. There are not enough staff in the Fire Department to complete that survey.

Cory said he will be contacting Gerri Makay with NDSU Extension to see if she would have contacts of people who have done this type of survey before and may be willing to complete the survey for Devils Lake.

Tammy said there may be grant money available to fund the survey. Carrington's program reassesses different parts of the town each year. We need to set up a basic timeline to start with.

Cory indicated he would talk with Spencer (city administrator) about the costs of a canopy survey. We may be able to work with the Park Board to accomplish this.

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

Cory stated Angry Beaver was awarded the contract to trim trees for the City this year. The contract for this year covers the area south of Walnut St. He was told that if trees are dead, they need to be cut. He will also be trimming trees in the alleys and doing stump removal. He will cut dead trees in the Roundhouse Park.

Cory reported Spencer is proposing an additional \$500 per month for the forester position. It will take time to get it all in place.

Mark informed the Committee there are 3 new species of ash trees that are resistant to the emerald ash borer. Cory will add them to the acceptable tree list.

Jason suggested mailing a brochure to every city resident with information on the emerald ash borer and the treatment options the city is working on.

Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson  
Recording Secretary