

Tree Board Minutes August 10, 2004

Members Present: Rose Jergens, Tim Smith, Newt Potter,
Mark Schnobrich

Members absent: Brian Wendlandt, Dale Redetzke

Summer Projects 2004

The Board reviewed the summer projects Schnobrich presented starting with the 2004 Energy Tree plantings

- 238 Trees were planted this year with 72 homes applying for trees with 65 homes receiving trees. 144 trees were planted on private property and the rest were planted on public blvd and parking lot areas

The MnDOT Roadside Landscape Partnership

- 163 trees were planted on Hwy 15 south, south of Century Ave with Oaks, Hackberry and Red Cedar being planted, Schnobrich stated that this Thursday a review of the project will be made with the local MnDOT reps and the MnDOT Forester as a few questions were needed to be answered prior to the project being approved by the state. A few of the tree locations were being questioned by local maintenance staff.

The DNR / School Dist #423 Community Forestry Project

- 61 trees along with a tree inventory of school grounds made up the phase I of the project for 2004. The next phase will be more planting and a review establishment of a maintenance plan for the school district trees in 2005.

Schnobrich highlighted the upcoming report to the Utility Commission and stated that he would be meeting with the new Utility General Manager Michael Kumm in regards to the future of the Energy Tree Projects. Tim Smith and Newt Potter stated they would like to meet with Michael Kumm also to discuss Hutchinson's past projects. Schnobrich will request such a meeting for September.

Schnobrich invited Board members to attend a MnSTAC meeting on August 19th at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. Newt Potter indicated he would like to attend. Schnobrich will arrange it.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Tree Board Minutes November 29, 2004

Members Present: Rose Jergens, Newt Potter, Mark Schnobrich

Members absent: Brian Wendlandt, Dale Redetzke, and Tim Smith

Summary of Projects in 2004

The Board reviewed the summer projects Schnobrich presented starting with the 2004 Energy Tree plantings

- 365 Trees were planted this year with 72 homes applying for trees with 65 homes receiving trees. 144 trees were planted on private property and the rest were planted on public blvd and parking lot areas.

The MnDOT Roadside Landscape Partnership

- 163 trees were planted on Hwy 15 south, south of Century Ave with Oaks, Hackberry and Red Cedar being the species of choice planted. Schnobrich stated that a review of the project was made with the local MnDOT reps and the MnDOT Forester, as a few questions were needed to be answered prior to the project being approved by the state. Local maintenance staff was questioning a few of the tree locations. A consensus was achieved when a living snow fence was installed with the cooperation of the local farmer. In addition 100 feet of plastic fencing was added to the standing corn snow buffer to help control blowing snow. This will all be reviewed this winter in hopes that the stand of Red Cedar can remain standing as part of the Roadside Landscape Partnership Grant.

The Miller Woods Oak Savannah Restoration Project

- A letter from John Miller was sent to City Hall November 9, 2004 describing John Millers discontent with the actions taken by the City in regards to Miller Woods over the last 30 years. He listed a lack of financial commitment and the lack of enforcement of violators who utilize the park for their personnel property. John Miller also requested that the city fence in the park in order to deter further miss use of the park. The Tree Board discussed the matter and agreed that stricter enforcement of the park rules needs to be implemented. Schnobrich spoke of the work that has taken place in the park over

the last 30 years, all in an effort to restore the remnant oak / prairie park land.

Rose Jergens agreed that tougher enforcement is needed and that 15 days was a good length of time to allow people to remove all personnel property from the park

Schnobrich highlighted the 2004 Energy Tree Report given to the Utility Commission on November 29th. He stated that he did not get a chance to present the report to all the commissioners and that a decision was not reached as to funding for the 2005 Energy Tree Planting Program. Schnobrich stated he would be in contact with Utilities in a week or so to see what decision was reached as to the future funding.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Schnobrich
City Forester