

# TREE BOARD MEETING

**Monday, January 30, 2006**

**5:30pm**

**1 Hour, 10 Minutes**

**@ Dale Redetzke home**

**935 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW**

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**Type of meeting:** TREE BOARD  
MEETING

**Attendees:**

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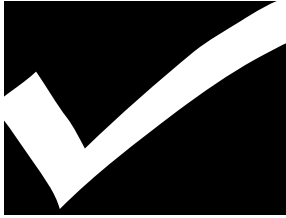
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## Other Information

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**Special notes:**



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**Dale Redetzke House 935 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW**

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**Type of meeting:**

**Attendees: Dale Redetzke, Newt Potter  
Marv Nissen, Tim Smith, Mark  
Schnobrich**

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## ----- Agenda Topics -----

### **Summary of 2005 Projects**

Mark Schnobrich submitted a handout showing the statistics of the 2005 year which showed that Diseased tree removal increased 3 times  
From 2004 to 2005 with a total of 320 trees. This total included an increased loss of 176 elms from 2004 . 335 trees were planted in 2005

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Discussion: **Miller Woods**

Mark Schnobrich told the board that great strides were being made in finishing up the non-native removals and it appeared that that portion of the Oak Savannah Restoration would be complete before spring. The next step will be to utilize the DNR Grant for 2005-2007 to reseed all the areas lacking prairie grasses and to install a new perimeter trail along with the planting of oaks and natives shrubs.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

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Discussion: **Tree Ordinance Review**

The Board tabled this item to the next scheduled meeting

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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Discussion: **Alternative Landscaping Request**

The Board reviewed a request from \_\_\_\_\_ to install an alternative landscape on his property located at 1271 Denver St SW. He stated his property is unmaintainable as he cannot reach the back portion of his lot due to a retention pond. He is requesting that prairie grasses be installed so as to help with a natural landscape and make it more of a periodic maintenance issue as opposed to a weekly mowing.

Conclusions: After discussion and review of Mr. Rutowski's application it was found to be complete and the board unanimously approved the landscape. They will make a recommendation to the Planning commission to approve the alternative plant materials

Action items:

Send to the Planning Commission

Person responsible:

Mark Schnobrich

Deadline:

**Other Information**

**Special notes:**

**Meeting was  
adjourned 7:15 PM**

# Minutes

## Hutchinson Tree Board

### March 27, 2006

Members present: Marv Nissen, Tim Smith, Laura Poser, Dale Redetzke, Mark Schnobrich  
Members absent: Newt Potter

#### **Future Energy Tree Planting Program**

The Tree Board reviewed and discussed the energy tree program of 2005 after which the Tree Board unanimously agreed to have Mark Schnobrich draft a letter to Michael Kumm, Hutchinson Utilities manager outlining the boards view on future energy tree projects in Hutchinson. The Tree board feels the City of Hutchinson should continue to provide dollars for the purpose of planting trees on private property for energy conservation.

#### **Miller Woods**

Schnobrich reported to the board that extensive progress was made this winter in Miller Woods in regards to non-native removal. All non-native trees have been removed and the results are quite remarkable. What was 30 years ago an over grown wood lot is now an open savannah like expanse. The next phase of the oak savannah restoration will involve preparing the soil for the planting of more prairie grasses this summer. This will culminate in creating the oak savannah with numerous flowers and grasses that we have been trying to achieve for that last 13 or more years. The ability to complete this project has been attributed to two Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Conservation Grants that were awarded in 2003 and 2005.

#### **2006 Arbor Day with 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class of Park Elementary**

Schnobrich explained to the new board members the past Arbor Day programs that have been undertaken with the schools over the last number of years. Each year a "Find the Biggest Tree" contest has been carried out with the students along with a lyceum presented by the Tree Board. Mark stated he would get in contact with Dan Holberg the Park Elementary Principal to set up a date in May for the Arbor Day program.

#### **Tree Ordinance**

Mark stated that maybe the board should meet at City Hall where a power point presentation and full discussion can be undertaken in regards to revising the tree ordinance. The topic is quite lengthy and really needs to be the only item on an agenda for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:pm  
Respectfully Submitted, Mark Schnobrich, City Forester

# Minutes

## Hutchinson Tree Board

### June 16th, 2006

Members present: Laura Poser, Dale Redetzke, Newt Potter  
Mark Schnobrich  
Members absent: Tim Smith, Marv Nissen

#### **Future Energy Tree Planting Program**

Schnobrich reported that the Utilities Commission was considering reinstating some form of Energy Tree Planting program and that Jon Guthmiller the new CIP [ Conservation Incentive Program ] program manager will be contacting us as to what degree the program will be implanted. The Board will know more as the summer progresses.

#### **Miller Woods**

Schnobrich reported to the board that extensive progress was made this winter in Miller Woods in regards to non-native removal. All non-native trees have been removed and the results are quite remarkable. What was 30 years ago an over grown wood lot is now an open savannah like expanse. The next phase of the improvement will involve the installation of a paved parking lot off of School Rd NW

#### **2006 Arbor Day in Library Square**

Schnobrich explained to the board members the Arbor Day program that was being set up with in Partnership with the Shaklee Company and the local representative Karen Schlueter of Hutchinson. It appears the Shaklee Corporation is promoting a million dollar tree planting program across the country. The program will consist of giving away seedlings to citizens attending the Music in the Park session in July. The City forester will assist and promote Arbor Day and will advocate proper tree planting techniques to the citizens.

#### **Developers Tree Planting Program**

Mark stated that the first phase of the tree planting project went well with the developments of South Winds and Rolling Meadows east receiving boulevard trees. A total of 77 trees were planted. Next year an additional number of lots will be made available for planting.

The program requires developers to escrow dollars for their development for the purpose of planting boulevard trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:pm

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Schnobrich, City Forester