

## Urban Forestry Minutes

2/14/12 3pm

Cassie Banning     Tom Smith     Duke Campbell     Jim Reese  
 Harvey Wright     Jim Wingate     Charlie Mason     Kellie McClellan  
 Ron Spangler     Judy Campbell     Jason Donati     Eric Gillette

A quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

### Review/Approval of minutes:

**Minutes for 1/09/12**

Motion for approval: Charlie Mason

Second: Ron Spangler

Motion: Passed Unanimously

**Public Comments: N/A**

### Urban Forester report/grant updates:

Kellie was unable to make the meeting. Park Superintendent Harvey Wright represented her and updated the board on the EAB action plan and said they have scheduled upcoming meetings with East Central Recycling and IDNR to cover details of Emerald Ash Borer plan. A detailed Urban Forester report is available upon request.

### Old Business:

#### **Arbor Day Event Planning:**

Harvey also updated the committee on Arbor Day plans and said water, pop and t-shirts had been taken care of and that they were still working on some of the other details.

#### **Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan (Cassie):**

Cassie B. briefed us on using the Purdue Cost Calculator to try and estimate the cost of removal for our street Ash trees, assuming they were our first safety priority and some park Ash trees might be able to be done "in house". Cassie passed out an Assessment of EAB management options highlighting the different options consisting of 1) remove all, 2) remove and replace all, 3) and remove, replace and treat trees between 6" and 12" in diameter. Cassie likes and recommends the third option which includes strategic replacement, removal and treatment. The committee inquired about any grants or funds to help with removal and Cassie B. mentioned that since EAB has been around so long most of the aid money has been depleted. Cassie B. also updated us on the life cycle of EAB in a community and how long it takes for the infestation to take over. Different methods of treatment were discussed including soil drenching and injections. Cassie B. communicated with Ft. Wayne's Urban Forester about how they handled the infestation. Ft. Wayne said they used i-tree to determine whether Green or White Ash were more beneficial and what kind of impact it would have on stormwater. Cassie also communicated with Stormwater Management coordinator Shareen Wagley about partnerships and possible help with trees. Cassie B. also communicated with Ball State about what their EAB response plan is and they said they have around 750 Ash trees on campus, and they plan to treat some of them. Cassie also communicated with John Taylor at Christy Woods. It was suggested that we all work together in the community with a local plan. The committee echoed looking towards Ft. Wayne's experience as guidance and utilizing the resources of Purdue Extension

office and doing more community education and outreach. Ron S. suggested having the EAB plan and timelines available for the public. Cassie B. asked Ron S. if he would help with an education group and he said he would. Cassie B. also asked Ron S. to update the Community Enhancement Project board on the EAB plan.

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:59 pm**  
**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jason Donati**