

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY , MAY 1, 2013**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the April 3, 2013 Minutes**
- 3. Resolution Implementing Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan**
- 4. Election of Officers**
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

Roll Call

Present: Bahling, Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, McDonald, Okonek, Sorenson, Ald. O'Meara, Ald. Slowinski, Ald. Wiza

Excused: West

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Ald. Mary Stroik, Chris Wiza

2. Approval of the April 3, 2013 Minutes

Motion by Wiza, seconded by O'Meara , to approve the April 3, 2013 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Resolution Implementing Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

Motion by Wiza, seconded by O' Meara to approve the resolution implementing the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Election of Officers

Motion by Hall, to nominate and elect Liz McDonald for President of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

Motion by Hall, to nominate and elect Bob Freckmann for Vice-President of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

5. Director's Report

Director Schrader reported:

- The City received a check from the Village of Park Ridge in the amount of \$2480.00 towards the use of Iverson Park. This amounts to \$5.00 per capita and has been an annual donation for the past 10 or so years.
- City Parks officially opened today. Restrooms all open and night security in place for the season. We have started taking 2014 lodge reservations today. This summer the lodges are booked solid on Saturdays and most Sundays throughout the summer.
- The Forestry Department has a contractor planting 18 trees along Michigan Avenue. The City Parks crew will be planting 123 trees for the spring planting season.
- Arbor Day Ceremony is scheduled for 10:00 tomorrow at McGlachlin Park with 3rd graders from Washington School. This event is made possible by donations and volunteers from the Audubon Society, Wisconsin Public Service, Noon Lions Club and Travel Guard.
- Baseball, softball leagues are up and running
- Preparations have started to get the pool ready for opening day on June 8th
- Sculpture Park has 4 or 5 new sculptures installed

Sue Hall announced that this Saturday is International Migratory Bird Day at Iverson Park starting at 8:00 a.m. with tours scheduled. Opened to the public.

Ald. Wiza announced that the Dog Park clean-up/maintenance day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. Volunteers would be appreciated. Master Gardeners have been helping with planting of flowers in the small dog park and their contribution is appreciated.

Liz McDonald announced that the dedication of the signage at the Skate Park is scheduled for Wednesday June 12, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in Bukolt Park.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Wiza, seconded by Okonek to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Stevens Point is concerned by the threat caused by the insect commonly known as the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agilus planipennis*) to the City of Stevens Point's ash tree population; and

WHEREAS, an (EAB) infestation is both an environmental and economic threat to the City of Stevens Point; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stevens Point's trees, woodlots, trails, landscapes, natural areas and right of ways represent a

valuable and precious asset, necessary to preserve: and

WHEREAS, taking a proactive approach to this infestation will enable the City of Stevens Point to address public and private needs in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stevens Point will endeavor to distribute the costs associated with certain and massive tree death over a manageable time period, as well as lessen the economic impact that such an extensive loss will have on the quality of life in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, STATE OF WISCONSIN, THAT:

SECTION I: The City of Stevens Point will implement its adopted Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan that outlines the ash tree assets of the City of Stevens Point; defines the management options for ash trees; and details the budget for implementation of the management plan.

SECTION II: The City of Stevens Point Plan will comply with all Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection related regulations for handling regulated ash tree related materials upon EAB detection in Portage County.

SECTION III: As the annual budget permits, all removed public ash trees will be replaced with non-host species trees that will enhance the planting site, and add to the diversity and general health of the urban forest as outlined in the City of Stevens Point EAB Management Plan.

SECTION IV: The City of Stevens Point will create and maintain an EAB Informational Page on the City of Stevens Point's website. The City of Stevens Point will provide information to assist residents with the pending infestation and also provide a list of non-host species replacement trees that may be purchased and planted on private property within the City of Stevens Point.

SECTION V: When EAB is detected in City of Stevens Point, ash trees will be managed in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the City of Stevens Point EAB Management Plan.

SECTION VI: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and Approved: [Date]

ADOPTED:

[NAME], City of Stevens Point [Title]

ATTEST:

[NAME], City of Stevens Point Clerk