

CITY OF ELKHORN
Municipal Services and Utilities Committee
Lower Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

October 26, 2009

Chairman Howie Reynolds called the Municipal Services and Utilities Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Howie Reynolds, Ronald Dunwiddie, Alderman Gerald Norton

Others present: Administrator Sam Tapson, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Clerk Darlene Igl, Park & Recreation Director Jeff Simons, Gary Swanson (512 W. Walworth)

TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM/POLICY

Park & Recreation Director Simons stated that an annual review of the condition of trees located within terraces is conducted. The process identifies potential problem trees for further inspection, and if significant issues are noted, the tree is scheduled for removal based on the level of priority assigned. It was discussed that once a tree is identified as a potential hazard, the City is liable for any damage or injury that may occur should the tree fall. Director Simons provided the "Guideline to Establish a Tree Maintenance Program" for review. Gary Swanson (512 W. Walworth) voiced concerns regarding the intended removal of a tree within the terrace in front of his residence. This particular tree is a silver maple and was evaluated by staff. It was recommended for removal as it has several defects and is considered a hazard. It was stated that a new tree will be planted in the area of the tree being removed if possible based on the location of other trees in the terrace. After discussion, the Committee agreed to make no change to the current policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to adjourn at 4:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk