



private trees. She mentioned that grant money is no longer available. She added that EAB will wipe out the ash trees in Maple Grove. She said that St. Paul is using a 5 – 8 year plan to remove ash trees and replace them with other trees and that they are using chemicals on some trees to delay eradication.

Kelly Matzke mentioned that it is imperative to make residents aware of the EAB issue. He said that St. Paul got the word out by sending out postcards. Mary Lynn KenKnight stated they are also putting ribbons on ash trees to create awareness.

Councilmember Judy Hanson stated that education is the key. Marilyn Arnlund mentioned that the City of Plymouth is taking down ash trees on a proactive basis.

Frank Kampel mentioned it would be a good idea to set up contracts with tree removal companies so that they are in place when large scale ash tree removal is needed.

Steve Courtney asked what percentage of the trees inventoried so far are ash. It was mentioned that so far there are approximately 11,000 public ash trees inventoried. Councilmember Judy Hanson mentioned that St. Paul has a program which keeps track of the status of trees.

It was mentioned that Scott Roberts of the City Parks Department and Joe Bennett of the City Public Works Department also attended the St. Paul meeting.

Marilyn Arnlund mentioned that the City Attorney would handle the preparation of contract documents.

Councilmember Judy Hanson mentioned that she reached out to the Department of Agriculture and spoke to Angie Ambourn. She asked Ms. Ambourn regarding the availability of State funds to combat EAB. Ms. Ambourn stated that there are no current funds available and that the availability of future funding is uncertain.

Councilmember Judy Hanson stated that she also contacted Jennifer DeJournett, Three Rivers Park

District Representative to Maple Grove and is awaiting her return call.

Ed Reichow asked if we should be doing something to reach out to people. Marilyn Arnlund stated she did an article for the City Newsletter. Ed Reichow asked about the Maple Grove Magazine. Timetables for submitting articles for publication in the Maple Grove Magazine were mentioned. Marilyn Arnlund mentioned that the editor of Maple Grove Magazine, Cyd Haynes, is a tree inventory volunteer. She added that a total of 4,462 acres of the City have been tree inventoried to date. Mary Lynn KenKnight suggested putting ribbons on public ash trees thereby drawing attention to them, with people asking why the ribbons are on the trees. Marilyn Arnlund showed Committee members the poster that was attached to ash trees in the past.

Mary Lynn KenKnight stated she would contact the City of Minneapolis on ribbon purchasing.

Frank Kampel suggested placing the ribbon on ash trees along main roadways. Mary Lynn KenKnight suggested setting up an EAB hotline to provide information.

Frank Kampel asked if anything has been done yet on a management plan. Marilyn Arnlund stated plans from other cities have been obtained and reviewed.

Mary Lynn KenKnight asked if private landowners could pay to treat public trees. The answer given was yes; that that could be part of a management plan.

Terri Polski asked if, for private trees affected by EAB, landowners have a choice whether to have them removed or not. Frank Kampel responded by saying, by Ordinance, no. Councilmember Judy Hanson suggested perhaps allowing payments to be made over time similar to public improvement special assessments where payments are made over a certain time period.

City Resident Michelle Burks stated that, for residents calling regarding the ribbon on trees, a message could state that the ribbon does not mean the tree has been

infected by EAB, just that it is susceptible to EAB.

Finalize Buckthorn  
Event

Kelly Matzke mentioned that this year's buckthorn removal event will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Forest Preservation area off of Vicksburg Lane. Kelly Matzke stated he would send out a reminder notice to Committee members prior to the event.

#### New Business

The Preserve at Rush  
Creek Landscape Plan

Kelly Matzke introduced the landscape plan for the Preserve at Rush Creek residential development. Ed Reichow suggested adding more trees to the list of trees to be planted. Marilyn Arnlund suggested Kentucky Coffeetree, Mary Lynn KenKnight suggested Ohio Buckeye and Steve Courtney suggested Gingko. The consensus of the Committee was to use the suggested tree list developed by the Committee.

Tree Recommendation

Mary Lynn KenKnight mentioned that she suggests removing Eastern Wahoo from the Committee's suggested tree list due to it being invasive on the east coast of the U.S. She said she had acquired it from Dundee Nursery.

#### Area Reports

Michelle Burks mentioned that there are many Silver Maples in the Boundary Creek area of the City with top dieback. She stated in particular the area of Lancaster Lane just south of 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mary Lynn KenKnight stated that Silver Maple is more a woodland tree and does not like to be planted in yards. There was discussion on what could be causing the dieback.

Adjournment

Steve Courtney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Adam Bedard and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Kampel, Arbor Committee Member  
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee

