

Waverly Trees Forever
Thursday, January 17, 2013, 5:30
City Hall

Present: Tab Ray, Meredith Borchardt, Jim Anderson, Jim Lenth, Duane Schwickerath, Mike Litterer

1. Iowa Forest Health Highlights – Meredith presented a pamphlet by the Iowa DNR that listed 25 different threats to Iowa's Forests including the winter weather of 2012, the drought of 2012 and the Missouri River flooding kill off.
2. Updated Emerging Threats – Meredith presented information on 5 top pests/diseases in Iowa affecting Iowa's trees including the gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, bur oak blight, thousand cankers disease and the Asian longhorn beetle.
3. Potential Projects for 2013 – We need to finish the Rolling Meadows project by planting trees in between the Hawthorns planted there last fall. Mike Litterer suggested planting some trees along 7th Avenue NW as a project for 2013. After discussion it was decided the best place to plant would be at the NE corner of 12th St and 7th Ave NW on land owned by Wartburg, about 6 trees could be planted here that could be ordered from the tree sale. Jim Anderson also suggested planting trees on the berm in the drainage area on the south side of 7th Ave NW, part of which is owned by Wartburg and a portion by the condo association. Tab also suggested planting some native grasses in the drainage basin. Meredith said the Iowa Living Roadways project may be able to fund the native grasses. Tab is going to check with the City if this would be acceptable in this area. It was also suggested we could plant some trees along 7th Ave NW in front of some duplexes that are currently there as there are no trees along that route. Proper sized trees would need to be planted as Waverly Light and Power has a power line in this area. Waverly Light and Power would be sponsoring this project.
4. The Shade Tree Short Course is February 27 and 28. Jim Anderson is planning to go as well as 3 staff from the City of Waverly. Trees Forever will pay Jim's fee for the Course if not paid by Wartburg.
5. April 2nd is the Tree City USA and Tree Line USA Luncheon. Both the City of Waverly and Waverly Light and Power won received the respective awards this year.
6. Jim motioned, Duane seconded the motion to purchase 15 trees from the Tree Sale to be planted at the tree nursery in SE Waverly.
7. Next meeting – will be Thursday, February 14th at 5:30 at city hall.