

**Minutes
Hampden Tree Board
Subcommittee of the Hampden Town Council Services Committee
August 26, 2009 @ 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Tree Board was called to order at 6:35pm on Wednesday August 26, 2009, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Jim Feverston.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Bob Osborne, Town Planner
Lance Case
Larry Bruen
Jim Feverston
Chris Packard
Jane Jarvi
Phil Stack
Kay Carter (arrived 7:40pm)

1. Introductions

Introductions not necessary.

2. Business

A. D. Dix Public Mtg. & Walk-Through Recap

The group discussed how the public meeting and walk-through went, with the general consensus that things seemed to be better on the walk-through, with people being more receptive to the ideas presented. People found it very helpful to have all the trees marked, and asked to be notified when the harvest occurs so that they know trucks may be using Hopkins Rd. People also acknowledged harvesting would be good in order to reduce fuel loads present in the park. There was some debate over removing the large pines at the river end of the park. At the end of the walk-through, Chris made a good summary of how the process went over the last year.

The board recapped the different sections of the park and the proposed plans and how they could be modified to adapt to citizen concerns. Overall, the board agreed that the harvesting proposal should go forth as originally proposed, and all other decisions (entrances, trails, etc) should be left to the currently-forming Friends of Dorothea Dix Park Group. The consensus of the board is that they wish to move on to other tasks to which they were originally assigned in the ordinance. The harvesting plan will be brought to the Services Committee on 9/14 for input, with the recommendation that FoDDix decide the other things.

3. Adjournment.

The next meeting is TBD because Gretchen will be out on vacation for the next regularly scheduled meeting. Meeting time to be determined via email. The meeting was adjourned around 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist