

Urban Forest Commission: January 17, 2018

An urban forestry presentation was given by Louise Levy, chair of an urban forestry working group for the Society of American Foresters.

Clark Christenson, Duluth's city forester, discussed plans to obtain "tree plotter" software, describing how it will be used and its helpfulness in a needed update of the City's tree inventory.

The Commission participated in a state survey ranking forestry issues. Funding and invasive species topped concerns. Clark Christenson reported on the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. 182 trees have been cut in Woodland and Congdon. Tree cutting will continue in Congdon and Lakeside.

City Councilor Em Westerlund, the UFC's liaison to the city council, discussed ways to get the UFC's input on proposals before the council.

Submitted by Margaret Kirtley-Sternberg

Urban Forest Commission: February 21, 2018

Jim Shoberg of the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on the tree cutting plans for the city parks. Two years ago, two pine stands in Hartley Park were thinned. City parks representatives are pleased with the results. In 3 years time, the city plans to cut more trees from the original stands and also clear trees in one more area of Hartley, thin several stands of non-native pine along the Seven Bridges Road, and remove trees from a similar stand in Hawk Ridge. They are hoping this will improve the strength and health of the remaining trees and increase species diversity.

A resolution to name Judy Gibbs as Vice Chair of the UFC was passed.

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