

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
EMERALD ASH BORER SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
March 24, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Wolff called the Emerald Ash Borer Sub-Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.
ROLL CALL	Present were Members Webster, Rindfleisch and Kust. Also present was Assistant City Engineer Romeis and Highway Superintendent Schaefer.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2010	Motion made by Member Kust, seconded by Member Webster to approve minutes of February 23, 2010. Motion carried.
DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM AS TO HOW THE CITY SHOULD REACT TO INFESTATION OF THE EMERALD ASH BORER IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN	<p>Assistant City Engineer Romeis handed out and reviewed results of a survey taken of several Milwaukee metro communities on their Emerald Ash Borer Program. None of these communities have taken any ash trees down nor have established a marshalling yard.</p> <p>Highway Superintendent Schaefer reported that he and the Forester from Oak Creek, inspected several areas of Oak Creek & Franklin. Property located at 13th Street & County Line Road, owned by Milwaukee County showed a large amount of damage from Emerald Ash Borer.</p> <p>Member Kust inquired if the City could offer any protection to a Blue Ash tree in the Fitzsimmons Woods that is becoming extinct. Chairman Wolf suggested that this matter should be reviewed and if necessary, the Environmental Commission make a recommendation to the Common Council.</p> <p>Highway Superintendent Schaefer reported that after review and negotiations, staff is recommending to the Common Council to use Wachtel Tree Sciences and Services to perform the tree inventory. This is DNR grant funded.</p> <p>Also an intern will be hired to inventory rural roadways. This is also funded by the grant.</p>
MARSHALLING YARD STATUS	Assistant City Engineer Romeis reported that the Board of Public Works suggested looking at other possible sites for a marshalling yard. Several other sites in close proximity to the DPW yard were found.
PROGRAM LIABILITIES	Member Kust reported that after discussion with City Attorney, City would only be responsible for property damage if the City was found to negligent.

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**UPDATE FROM
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

Highway Superintendent Schaefer reported that the Dept. of Agriculture came back last week due to a suspect street on 42nd Street & Woodward Drive. Tree was on private property and positively identified with Emerald Ash Borer.

**SCHEDULE OF NEXT
MEETING**

The next meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. April 28, 2010 prior to Environmental Commission meeting in the Lower Level Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Member Webster, seconded by Member Kust to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.