



**Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
3675 Arboretum Drive  
Chaska, MN 55318  
April 13, 2006 – 9:30 - 11:30 am.**

**Attendees:**

Anderson, Doug	DNR Forestry	Nissen, Marv	Hutchinson
Aspinwall, Sarah	Minneapolis Parks & Rec.	Osborn, Kelly	City of St. Paul/Plymouth
Brown, Kirk	Tree Trust	Potter, Newton	Hutchinson
Condon, Bob	TCA	Pugh, Sherrie	Plymouth Ave.Green Team
Cordes, Jeff	City of Eden Prairie	Redzke, Dale	Hutchinson
Damerow, Wayne	DNR Forestry	Rehpohl, Dean	Steel & Stone
Downing, Ginger	CEL Public Relations	Rehpohl, Rita	Steel & Stone
Dres, Clyde	Plymouth Ave. Green Team	Rodenberg, Dianne	New Ulm
Eccertson, Millie	Oakdale Tree Board	Schmits, Mark Paul	Minneapolis Parks & Rec.
Eccertson, Duane	Oakdale Tree Board	Schnobrich, Mark	Hutchinson
Groves, Tracy	Steel & Stone	Schuster, Tom	City of Rosemount
Hacker, Jan	Resource Analytics	Seydell Johnson, Juli	City of Eagan
Hanson, Dave	University of Minnesota	Simons, Ken	Heritage Shade Tree Cons.
Hermann, James	Minneapolis Parks & Rec.	Smith, Kevin	City of Hastings
Holman, Ken	MN DNR Metro Forestry	Sinclair, Craig	City of Waconia
Hove, Gregg	City of Eagan	Sinclair, Jill	Chanhasson
Johnson, Gary	U of MN	Spears, Barb	Tree Trust
Krogstad, Greg	Rainbow Tree	Stauffer, Joan	Plymouth Ave. Green Team
Larson, Janet	EcoDesigns & Cons.	Strond, Nordal	Plymouth Ave.Green Team
Leines, Cindy	CEL Public Relations	Sundmark, Dave	St. Paul Parks & Rec.
Logan, Kari	CEL Public Relations	Thompson, Steve	Rainbow Treecare
Mahoney, Paul	City of Hastings	VanPatten, Paula	Minneapolis Parks & Rec.
Markeson, Tina	MnDOT	Vaughan, Jim	St. Louis Park
Mirelez, Roxanna	Minneapolis Parks & Rec.	Widin, Katharine	Plant Health Assoc. Inc.
Molnau, Sarah	City of Waconia	Windsperger, Randy	Minneapolis Parks & Rec.
Monear, Janette	Tree Trust	Winschnack, Julie	SRF Consulting
Mueller, Don	MN DNR Metro Forestry	Wriskey, Rick	New Brighton/MoundsView
Muscority, Robert	City of Anoka	Zulu, Nothando	Plymouth Ave.Green Team
Newberger, Lara	City of Plymouth	Zulu-Gillespie, Makedu	Plymouth Ave.Green Team
Nicholson, Stephen	Kunde Company Inc.		

**BUSINESS SECTION:**

**Call to Order, Introductions, Nomination of New Members & Review and Approval of Previous Minutes.**

Simons called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

Simons opening remarks emphasized that while MnSTAC speaks for the trees, it is members that make a difference on the ground by leading and implementing community and state-wide projects. Those in attendance introduced themselves. There were numerous guests in attendance which were introduced by MnSTAC members.

Sundmark nominated Kelly Osborn for membership in MnSTAC. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Holman, second by Monear to approve the minutes from the 2/16/06 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

### **Committee and Partner Reports**

Markeson reported that DOT only has a part-time person to mark Dutch Elm disease trees and asked for the urban foresters to help out and report diseased boulevard trees they see. They can contact Bob Wryk in the Metro division in Roseville (the phone number is available on the DOT website).

Holman stated that people need to contact their legislators in support of the urban forestry bonding bill. Monear reported on several upcoming events including an April 29 event related to the Plymouth Ave. project, the May 19 Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration, and the May 13 & 20 Minneapolis tree pick-up and planting citywide and as part of the Plymouth Ave. project.

Sundmark welcomed all to the Minnesota Festival of Trees & Tree Climbing Championship to be held from 10:00am – 4:00pm at Como Park on May 20. Contact Sundmark at the St. Paul Parks and Recreation department for more information. Holman reported that the official state Arbor Day Ceremony would be held April 28 at the State Fair Grounds. Check the MnSTAC website for more details.

### **Forum Presentation**

Lara Newberger, MnSTAC's awards committee chair, made some introductory remarks stating that the purpose of the awards presentations is to recognize outstanding examples of community forestry projects and exceptional individuals and organizations which implement them. She emphasized that it is the individual members of MnSTAC and their community partners which make a real difference in improving our urban forests and, as a result, our urban and suburban environments.

#### *Outstanding Partnership Award*

Mark Schnobrich introduced Julie Winschnack who accepted this award on behalf of the City of Hutchinson Forestry & Planning and Zoning Departments. Faced with increasing development pressure and generally poor soils in the city, the department worked with developers to draft an ordinance that would provide for soil amendment (where needed) and/or tree planting in new developments.

#### *Innovation Award*

Mark Paul Schmits accepted this award on behalf of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. In response to high turnover in the workforce and organizational change, the Board formed a Forestry Vision Team to increase and improve the level of communication among field personnel, supervisors and management.

#### *Stewardship Award*

Dianne Rodenberg accepted this award on behalf of Three Women of New Ulm Community Forestry. Dianne Rodenberg, Dr. Ann Vogel and Penny Purtzer spearheaded a forum on community forestry in

New Ulm to bring awareness to forestry issues in their town. Eighty people attended which led to formation of a tree board. Rodenberg presented MnSTAC with a drawing Dr. Vogel had done in appreciation of their assistance in the efforts so far.

#### *Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award*

Steve Thompson introduced Greg Krogstad, this year's outstanding volunteer of the year award recipient. Steve Thompson reviewed Greg's various volunteer activities including:

- Planning and participation in the MN Festival of Trees
- Organization of the upcoming MN Society of Arboriculturalists' Conference
- Organizing and participating in the third annual "Day of Service" to honor veterans by trimming trees on the ground of Fort Snelling National Cemetery
- Driving changes in curriculum at Hennepin Technical College to increase the awareness of urban forestry

In accepting his award, Greg spoke about his passion for focusing on education to train the next generation of urban foresters.

#### *Outstanding Media Award*

Gary Johnson introduced Gregg Hove who accepted the award on behalf of the City of Eagan. This city's website is considered one of the most well developed urban forestry website in the area. Gregg explained that it is frequently updated to include topics of interest on a seasonal basis. The website was demonstrated and several aspects of it illustrated.

#### *Outstanding Volunteer Project Award*

Barb Spears introduced a host of individuals to accept this award on behalf of the Plymouth Avenue Green Team and the Legacy Village Green Team. This project was recognized as an exemplary effort to improve the green infrastructure of Plymouth Avenue Neighborhoods through assessment, planning, organizing, and planting. Objectives of the project are to:

- Link the Mississippi River and Theodore Wirth Park with a greenway
- Create pocket parks
- Convert brownfields to greenspace
- Continue empowerment of the community to work toward environmental improvement of their community
- Create work training programs to train and educate youth

Barb Spears presented a power point slide show of the Green Team project.

#### *Outstanding Media Award for an Arbor Day Celebration*

Ken Holman and Kari Logan jointly accepted the award for the 2005 Arbor Day "The Price is Right" campaign. The MnDNR and C.E.L. Public Relations Inc. worked jointly to create an Arbor Day event which highlighted the monetary value of trees for the services they provide. This was done through a well attended press event, attachment of price tags on trees at the state capital, creation of a poster, and the launching of a website ([www.MNtrees.org](http://www.MNtrees.org)). Ken urged people to take advantage of these materials and carry the message of the economic value of trees back to their communities.

#### *Stewardship Award*

Mark Schnobrich, the winner of this award, was described as a tireless ambassador for trees and the consummate community forestry manager. His efforts often provide a catalyst for additional

community action. Mark said he viewed his efforts as tireless because community volunteers become energized as a result and get involved which gives him a great deal of satisfaction.

This concluded the awards presentations.

Lara Newberger introduced Dean Rehphol, the artist who had created the award trophies. After a few brief words, Dean thanked MnSTAC and its member organization for all the work they do on behalf of the trees.

After some closing remarks by Ken Simons, Motion by Brown, second by Holman to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:55am

The next meeting will be on May 18, 2006, 9:30am-11:30am at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan J. Hacker