**Terre Haute Tree Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

City Hall, 17 Harding Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room

Thursday, September 18, 2014– 2:00 pm

Call meeting to order Stephanie Krull, Brian Conley, Sheryle Dell (Urban Forester),

Brad Miller (Street Department Superintendent) were present

Hal Orndorff (Parks Department), Chuck Ennis (City Engineer) absent

Approval of meeting minutes from March 20, 2014 meeting

Stephanie Krull moved to accept the March 20, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Brian second the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Board Member - Luke Ruble

Sheryle reported that a letter was sent to Luke. The position is now officially vacant.

Revision of Tree Ordinance and Technical Specifications- No Report

Restructure of the TAB board – Discussion took place about the structure of the board. Brian requested that Sheryle provide a list of what needs to be worked on to give the board a better understanding of what is not working. Sheryle will report back.

EAB Update *–* Sheryle reported that the 36 trees are scheduled to be removed due to EAB. There is a concern about investing in treatments. Some of the trees treated last year need further work, removal of the deadwood. The problem is the city does not maintain trees. Another issue is that most of the trees evaluated do not meet the criteria for saving them.

Brown Ave – Sheryle reported that some of the trees did not flush out in the spring. She is monitoring the trees and will make a decision on removing them next year. The contractor will work with the city on the replacements.

Tree Worker Training Update Sheryle reported on the training was a success. Lindsey Purcell from Purdue conducted a 6 hour course. ISU partnered with the city sharing the cost and sent 7 employees. The parks department, street department and cemetery all sent employees.

Arbor Day- Urban Forestry Awards Reception – Sheryle reported the event was successful. Planning for next year’s event will start soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NeighborWoods 2014 – Sheryle reported that the projects for Neighborhoods 2014 are Holly Arboretum Fall Clean-Up October 17th , Fall Pruning October 18th , Edgewood Grove Planting, October 25th 40-50 trees to be planted. Sheryle also announced that the City received a $500.00 mini grant from ACTrees.

U-Tree 2014 CUF Grant Application – Awards expect to be announced in October

Adjourn

Next Meeting November 20th 2014