



## Forestry Advisory Committee Meeting

March 5, 2015  
Sturgis Fire Hall – 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** Bill McKee, Ken Meirose, and Gene Stock.

**Members Absent:** Aaron Jordan, Ron Waterland

**Others Present:**

### Agenda Items:

1. Reviewed Minutes:
2. Annual Work Plan:
  - Discussed finishing up Freedom Memorial
  - Discussed purchasing trees for Pocket Parks in the downtown area
  - Reminder in SIP about ROW trees- do this in April
  - Plant trees
  - Continue spraying for MPB
  - Arbor Day is planned for May 2015
  - Maintain trees this summer
  - Continue working on ArcPad/GIS for tree inventory
  - Fitness trail at Woodland Park
3. Grant info
  - Apply for a challenge grant from the SD DOA for trees along the new bike path out at Ft Meade, check to see if grant money would be available for purchasing the Tree Works Software
4. Emerald Ash Borer
  - Discussed different types of trees that can be planted in place of Ash trees since 70-80% of the trees in the city are Ash. (In preparation of an Emerald Ash Borer infestation) Sierra Glen Maple and Red Jewel were suggested.
  - Angie passed out a South Dakota Tree list handout
  - Angie passed out A SD Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan and a Response Plan
  - Discussed what would happen if trees became infected the Emerald Ash Borer and city residents couldn't afford to pay to have the trees removed

5. FYI Mountain Pine Beetles:

- Discussed the status of MPB. Gene said all infected trees on the watershed have been cut down
- There were three infected trees found at the cemetery and will be cut down.

**Other Matters:**

- Gene informed them that Angie finished up her GIS Class.
- Discussed the new Parks Dept Shop. Ken invited Gene to stop by and look at the new BHP shop and see how it is working out for the BHP crews
- Gene informed the board that the LCWF inventory is completed

The next Forestry Meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Angie Shideler