Urban Forestry Management Plan
Urban Forestry Subcommittee Work Session
Meeting Summary
July 16, 2012 (4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Subcommittee Members Present: Greg Bettis
Richard Byers
Jim Buck
Mike Heilman, Chair
Glenna Borg, Vice Chair

Council Liaison: None

Staff Present: Tina Osterink (Staff Liaison)

1. Introduction and Roll Call

The Urban Forestry Subcommittee (UFS) work session was called to order at 4:35 pm, by Chair Heilman.

2. Minutes

Greg Bettis moved to approve the minutes from 3/26/ 2012 as presented, Dick Byers seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5–0.

3. Chair Update

Chair Heilman provided an update from Keith Warren regarding the successful pruning job of 67 trees along Palmquist Road at the Gradin Arboretum.

4. Staff Update

Tina provided an updated roster with Chair Heilman's new contact information. She mentioned that the Rotary is interested in assisting with tree material for the Gradin arboretum. Tina also mentioned the Oneonta HOA tree topping code compliance case was closed in late June.

5. Downtown Tree Inventory

Some members suggested adding a block number to the maps. Tina can work with GIS to create a new index map page with block numbers. The UFS agreed to fit the next phase of the pilot tree inventory into their workload when possible.

6. Arboretum

The UFS suggests pruning the newly planted Arboretum trees in two years. There was discussion about the health of the Significant Walnut tree and when it dies the City should put any salvage money into the Tree Fund. The watering plan for this summer is:

- Friday, August 3 – Chair Heilman will meet Todd Jones at the City Operations building to fill up the 2,000 gallon tanker truck and park it overnight at Gradin.
- Saturday, August 4 – Chair Heilman along with five volunteers will take about three hours to water 1555 trees.

7. Tree Code Project

Tina gave a brief PowerPoint presentation introducing the Tree Code Project.

8. New Business

Chair Heilman will attend a site visit with the City and Friends of Nadaka at Nadaka to evaluate 40 Doug firs with laminated root rot.

The group suggested a maple tree rather than the tulip tree for the Pet Hospital parking lot tree replacement.

Dick Byers asked Tina to look into the month and year the Spanish Fir grove was listed as a Significant Tree.

9. Next Steps: Chair Heilman adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The next UFS meeting will be held on August 20.