

## FORESTRY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 @ 8:00 A.M.

City Conference Room

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Werner @ 8:02 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Don Denor, Tom Sasse, Orlando Sohrweide, Jeff Werner  
Also Present: Director of Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Denor motioned approval of Agenda as presented; Sohrweide seconded.**  

(4 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of meeting minutes from 4/21/2017 was called by Sasse with a second of Sohrweide.**  

(4 Ayes)
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: The Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR newsletter is missing in e-mail due to "technical difficulties". It will be addressed at the next meeting. Denor noted that his reading on climate change reveals that the tree system is being affected. Experimentally, coffee trees are being planted in northern communities.
- 7.) Discussion/possible recommendation/update on the following:
  - a.) Fall/spring planting suggestions— Four trees on Cross Street are being replaced; the tree/grass planted @ the roundabout has improved the area immensely so a flowering tree will be planted in the other roundabout; Main Street Arbor day planting was successful; river edge planting (flood plane) discussion led to realization that the wet environment and ice shoves make planting unsuccessful.
  - b.) Review 2017 of the May 8<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day Celebration closed with the following conclusions: Success included a great group of students this year. Groups of 3 - 4 students were ideal. Teachers will be sounded as to continuation of the carriage house. As to future plantings, Director Bostedt indicated that there is room for 6 and 6 trees on each side of Main Street. Although the Beyer Home would like another planting, it is on county property and therefore out of our responsibility.
  - c.) The 2017 contest posters themed "Know the signs of EAB" winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> place Annika Schlueter; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kat Alwin; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Matthew Nichols. Posters are now displayed in the City Hall corridor. Denor refined P.R. for the media with pictures. A "Tree City flag" was presented to Oconto as this is the 17<sup>th</sup> year achieving in the program: the flag flies throughout the summer at Holtwood Park.
- 8.) Next meeting date/time: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 @ 8 a.m.
- 9.) **Sohrweide motioned adjournment @ 9:02 a.m. with a voiced second of Sasse. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl