

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 @ 8:00 A.M.

OCONTO CITY HALL / Conference Room

- 1.) The May Forestry meeting was called to order by Chairman Werner @ 8:02 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Don Denor, Orlando Sohrweide, Jeff Werner
Excused: Tom Sasse
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Election of Chair initiated by acceptance of another term from Chairman Jeff Werner. Sohrweide called for the vote of Jeff Werner as Chairman of the Forestry Committee with a second of Denor. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **After discussion and expressed appreciation of Denor's past serving and leadership as Chair, etc., election of Vice Chair moved to the volunteerism of Tom Sasse. Sohrweide called for the vote of Forestry Committee Vice Chairman. Tom Sasse was voted Vice Chairman of the Forestry Committee with a motion of Sohrweide and second of Denor. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) **Approval of Agenda was motioned by Denor with a Sohrweide second. (3 Ayes)**
- 6.) **Sohrweide called approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/11/2018; Werner seconded. (3 Ayes)**
- 7.) Public Input: Director Bostedt noted public questions as to Holtwood Campground pine tree removal: West side entry is due to the road project culvert expectation from the DNR; East side resulted due to deadened trees which have grown too close. Future plans are to add 2 new pines to each side of the entry when feasible.
- 8.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR had no new discussion since their last newsletter.
 - b.) Tree City USA – handout had no new decisions. Director Bostedt also had an article from Jim Urban's Up by Roots via Tree City USA Bulletin directed to each Committee member. "How to start trees off Right" contained tips for City planting from placement to soil resources and drainage, space, design and maintenance.
 - c.) Wisconsin Forest Health Team – Handout – Kyoko Scanlon contained no new information.
- 9.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Tree City Growth Award Plan for 2018 will be in upcoming meeting discussions. Our Arbor Day event will be included.
 - b.) 2018 Tree Planting/Activity Schedule for Arbor Day with City 6th graders has been updated by Werner (note handout). It was felt that 1 adult is needed to chaperone per group Interpretive Walk. At present doubts in the weather have caused us to I.D. new wet ground/rain dates: May 15 or May 16. Trees cannot be purchased until nurseries release them and our Interpretive Walk will require drying. (Werner will not be available on the 15th.) Bostedt will keep the Committee posted. Rod Barta will attend. The bus driver needs to keep our students moving. Chairman Werner intends the welcome to the Arbor Day event and information surrounding the activities. Denor will present the winning posters.

c.) 2018 Spring Meacham Nursery Availability Packet has been consulted for variety and awareness of other available tree value in Oconto's planting areas.

d.) Oconto Shopko Plantings have been discussed with the Manager and between Superintendent Wusterbarth and Director Bostedt. Planting orders will be made accordingly.

- NOTE: We are aware of Oconto's 350 years 2019 celebration. It was suggested we involve Tracey Salisbury/DNR.

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, June 12 @ 8 a.m.

Agenda Items: Oconto's 350 years 2019 event including State representation

11.) Denor motioned for adjournment @ 8:31 a.m. Sohrweide voiced second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl