

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 19th, 2017 @ 8:00 A.M.

City Hall Conference Room

- 1.) The Committee's 2nd July meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Werner.
 - 2.) Roll Call: Tom Sasse, Orlando Sohrweide, Jeff Werner
Excused: Don Denor
Others Present: Director of Forestry John Bostedt
 - 3.) **Sohrweide motioned approval of Agenda as presented; Sasse called second. (3 Ayes)**
 - 4.) **Approval of meeting minutes from 7/5/2017 was called by Sohrweide with a second of Sasse. (3 Ayes)**
 - 5.) Public Input: A resident on 3rd St. reported an EAB-like Ash tree: investigation proved otherwise. The City will clean off affected branches. Also noted was the Governor's Mansion: both City planted trees are dying. Reason? A resident hired landscaper service chocked out the bottom with bark. (Do we bill for replacement trees?) Finally, the Sherman's on Superior Ave. are appreciative that their Maple will be replaced by the City this spring.
 - 6.) Correspondence: The Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR is now accessible on the City Director's computer: Bostedt will send the last 2 issues to Committee members. Discussion of any notable topics will be covered in the August meeting.
 - 7.) Discussion/possible recommendation/update on the following:
 - a) Fall/spring planting suggestions
 - b) Tour of Planted Sites and Look at Potential Other Future Planting Sites
 - c) Check Over Park Trees and Other Trees in the City
- The only 1st batch of plantings affected on Main St. was in 5.) above. All other tree plantings have been noticed by residents and are most successful.
 - Pruning has been completed on new seedlings which showed at least 1 flower in their 1st year (from Erie Ave. - the 1st Christian Science Church).
 - Katch Street has proved an industrial soil problem: 6 trees to the west will be replanted with an attempt to dig deeper and fill with added black dirt. (Fall activity)

- The 2nd roundabout west has a beautiful, healthy tree planting.
- Copper Culture State Park needs about 5 tree replants due to weather, public breakage, and 1 bug infestation. The rest of the trees flourish. A couple older trees are marked (DNR approved) for coming down.
- Sharp Park trail is in need of more debris pick up and City chip spreading: we await the Scouts to take on the project. Noted also was the density on the exterior trail sides. And also a memorial tree will be planted.
- Cross Street should be getting a Maple.
- The 1st west roundabout will be getting a Flowering Crab.
- Terraces east on Main St. could be planted in the future.
- Bond Park trees (replanting from construction on Pecor St. are an Oconto success story. Others are successfully replanted at the Harbor, back on Pecor, and on Brazeau).

NOTE: Rain has delayed new trees from growers from coming in.

The Committee thanked Director Bostedt for his insight and on task attention throughout his years serving here in Oconto. Dedication is evident.

8.) Next meeting date/time: **Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

Agenda items: Grant possibilities

9.) **Sasse motioned adjournment @ 9:22 a.m. with a voiced second of Sohrweide. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl