

Minutes of the Forestry Committee held on November 14th, 2017

“Unapproved”

- 1.) Call meeting to order by Chairman Werner at 8:02 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call - Members present: Don Denor, Tom Sasse, Jeff Werner, Lon Sohrweide. Others present: Director of Forestry John Bostedt.
- 3.) Approval of agenda: **Motion by Denor second by Sohrweide to approve the agenda as presented.** **4 ayes M/C**
- 4.) Approval of meeting minutes from 10/25/2017: **Motion by Sohrweide second by Sasse to approve the meeting minutes from 10/25/2017 as presented.** **4 ayes M/C**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR: Now fully available online. Members have the website address and are suggested to review.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) **Tree City Growth Award:** Addressed in previous meetings. No new updates to discuss. 2018 will not need to be finalized until the end of the next year. We are on track for 2017, which needs to be finalized and submitted by January 31st, 2018. Item will remain on the agenda to keep in mind and discuss when updates arise.
 - b.) **2018 Poster Contest:** Age group is 6th grade and there are usually around 35-40 kids that participate. “Benefits of Trees” is currently the favored theme, but it does not need to be finalized until late March/early April 2018. Making a packet for the participating kids that will be handed out by teachers and intended to be shared with parents was discussed. The packet will include items such as facts, pictures, and websites to get them started and pointed in the right direction as well as research motivation. Item will remain on the agenda to keep in mind and discuss when updates arise.
 - c.) **Shopko Oconto Plantings (15-16) by New Sidewalk/Charles St. and Bralick Way:** Some trees by Shopko needed to be taken out because of root issues as well as the new sidewalk that was installed recently. The Forestry and Street Departments are working with Shopko to pick out new plantings. Ultimately, the final decision belongs to Shopko, but the Forestry Committee is encouraging tree diversity and steering them away from Maples and White Japanese Lilacs. Item will remain on agenda to discuss when updates arise.
 - d.) **Main Street White Lilac Planting 2018:** No new updates. Item will remain on the agenda to keep in mind and discuss when updates arise.
 - e.) **Nursery Trees (variety) for Main St. and Other Future Planting Projects:** John will be making copies of 2018 nursery tree brochure when it becomes available for review by the members in future meetings. Item will remain on the agenda to keep in mind and discuss when updates arise.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
- 9.) Adjournment: **Motion by Sasse second by Sohrweide to adjourn at 8:29 a.m.** **4 ayes M/C**

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Brittney Bickel
Utility Clerk