

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 @ 8:00 A.M.

OCONTO CITY HALL/Conference Room

- 1.) The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Jeff Werner @ 8:03 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Don Denor, Tom Sasse, Jeff Werner
Absent: Orlando Sohrweide
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Denor motioned approval of Agenda; Sasse called second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/14/2017 was moved by Denor with a Sasse second. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI/DNR— For the most part, we are receiving the media now. Werner noted the EAB map as optimistic... no EAB in Oconto County and it appears to be in only one hot corner (SE) of the State. Oak Wilt can be observed on a map therein also.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Tree City Growth Award— Bostedt is completing application for 2017 (due 12/31/17). Werner noted criteria which expected to spend \$2 per capita on Forestry: the present status. TABLED.
 - b.) 2018 Poster Contest— Members are to be considering a topic for 2018. Presently we are considering “3 other benefits”. To be noted in P.R. that 90% of the posters will be displayed. A standard paper size was also in discussion. Info should be out by the end of Feb. or March.
 - c.) Shopko Oconto Plantings (15-16) by New Sidewalk/Charles St. and Bralick Way— Bralick Way will be replaced by the City: students will plant in late April/early May.
 - d.) Main Street White Lilac Planting 2018 will include the 2 terrace trees @ the Governor Scofield Mansion, and any up Main Street that did not survive the winter. Here Sasse shared a handout of tree species with mature heights appropriate for public terrace strips: valuable future resource.
 - e.) Nursery Trees (variety) for Main St. and Other Future Planting Projects— See above.
 - f.) 2018 WAA/DNR Annual Conference – Green Bay February 18th -20th, 2018 Although Chairman Werner will be unable to attend, members have foresight as to when and where. (The Conference signed a contract for the G. B. site the next 4 years.) A flyer is to follow.
 - g.) Trees to be cut down due to weakness, dying, or of the Cottonwood species:
 - i. Michigan Ave. is completed.
 - ii. Madison St. by School
 - iii. First St. (This is on private property.)
 - iv. Corner of Congress St. /Jones Ave.
 - v. Park Ave. (Cottonwoods)
 - vi. Behind YAK FAB which is considering expansion.
- 8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @ 8 a.m. with a potential February 6**
Agenda Items: Tree City Growth Award
2018 Poster Contest
- 9.) **Sasse summoned adjournment @ 8:40 a.m. with Denor sounding a second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl