

FORESTRY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 @ 8:00 A.M.
OCONTO CITY HALL/Conference Room

- 1.) The 1st Forestry meeting of 2018 was called to order by Chairman Jeff Werner @ 8:03 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Don Denor, Orlando Sohrweide, Tom Sasse, Jeff Werner
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **The Agenda was approved via a Denor motion. Sasse called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Werner moved for approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/12/2017; Sasse seconded. (4 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: We anticipate the latest Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR.
Reception through the internet was discussed: Denor continues with connection problems.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the following:
 - a.) Tree City Growth Award plan for 2018 will be set in motion with a February/March “nail it down” determined by Werner. An article entitled “Bucking: a thorny invader” by John Henningsen in WI Natural Resources Magazine Oct. 2017 issue was distributed by Bostedt. It contains information on Buckthorn’s lack of value to the ecological system and modes of treatment choice.
 - b.) 2018 Poster Contest—Delivery of information via Denor will be March 5 and collection of completed posters April 5. Theme suggestions continue: Trees make us fit; Trees give us...; We love our trees because.... Rules will remain the same but for the 8 1/2 x 11” paper. Awards will remain as is.
 - c.) Shopko Oconto Plantings (15-16 trees) by new sidewalk/Charles St. and Bralick Way—Flowering Crab trees in alternating colors was suggested. (Denor noted the 2018 Convention has a session on fruit tree suggestions/plantings.) Presentation of 6th grade planting will be at Copper Culture State Park with 2 – 35 minute activities (suggestions: Geocaching/GPS search; artifact discussion; tree I.D.; bluebird houses). Will Rod Barta or Pete Stark be available? Date/rain date: Wed. May 9; Tues. May 15.
 - d.) Main Street White Lilac Planting 2018— This will remain a future event for students.
 - e.) 2018 WAA/DNR Annual Conference - Green Bay February 18th -20th, 2018 Packet information led to registration of Denor, Sasse, and possibly Sohrweide, with city crew participation Tuesday, February 20, 2018 due to program selection.
 - f.) Trees to be Cut Down:
 - i. Michigan Ave. is completed.
 - ii. Madison St. @ OMS is in discussion with Superintendent of Oconto Schools Grounds, Brian Potter.
 - iii. First St. resident has been notified.
 - iv. Corner of Congress St. /Jones Ave. will be coming down this week.
 - v. Park Ave. (Cottonwoods) plan is in place.
 - vi. Behind YAK FAB is also completed.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, February 6 @ 8 a.m.
Agenda Items: Tree City Growth Award plan for 2018
2018 Poster Contest
- 9.) **Sasse called motion for adjournment @ 8:45 a.m. Sohrweide motioned second by voice. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl