

## FORESTRY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 9:30 A.M.**

OCONTO CITY HALL Police & Fire Training Room

- 1.) Chairman Jeff Werner called the meeting to order.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick (+9:31), Tom Sasse, Orlando Sohrweide, Jeff Werner  
Also Present: Director of Park, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Sohrweide moved for approval of Agenda; Sasse called second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/4/2019 was called into motion by Sasse with a Sohrweide second. (4 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
  - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update of the WI DNR was received via e-mail. Members agreed that the effect of winter on EAB collaborates with our knowledge. It is significant to follow studies.
  - b.) Tree City Bulletin – “What is the Urban Forest” will be read by the Committee for informative knowledge to be shared @ the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
  - c.) Meacham Nursery – 2019 Spring catalogue availability listing will give committee members a chance to survey what is potential to the City of Oconto and how we can vary our 2019 tree planting. It was noted that the 2018 ShopKo planting has taken; a Pecor St. tree is damaged, as well as, a tree by the library has been lost. The catalogue will be kept as reference.
  - d.) News Letter from Wachtel Tree Science provides another good reference to read and discuss at the next meeting.
  - e.) “Identifying Hazardous Trees in Parks & Campgrounds” is an article also distributed by Director Bostedt whose pre-reading was found very helpful: it has also been distributed to Park and Rec. crew members and management at the campground.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
  - a.) 2019 WAA/DNR Annual Conference— Members have been attending the Conference yearly: speakers and information was not as useful as the past... however, we find on City issues with which the Committee has dealt... we are on target: example—the quality of proper soil used for plantings. Each session attended was evaluated.
  - b.) 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arbor Day Planning— The 2019 poster theme resulted: “Oconto Sesquicentennial Tree History” (standard 14”x18” paper); rules will be retrieved via Denor’s computer; Werner will serve as the Middle School liaison; dates ranged from May 3 – 8 – 17 – 22.
  - c.) Future Tree Planting Areas will include repair of and extension of Main Street with the same species; this will vary as we turn west with new trees.
- 8.) Next Meeting Dates/Times: Monday April 1 @ **8:30** a.m.  
Wednesday April 24 @ **8** a.m.  
May’s planting will take the place of a meeting.

Agenda Items: Tree City Bulletin  
Meacham Nursery 2019 Spring Catalogue  
News Letter from Wachtel Tree Science  
“Identifying Hazardous Trees in Parks & Campgrounds”

- 9.) **Badendick announced adjournment @ 10:28 a.m. with a Sasse second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl