

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 @ 8:00 A.M.

OCONTO CITY HALL

- 1.) The July Forestry Committee was called to order by Chairman J. Werner @ 8:04 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick (8:08), Tom Sasse, Orlando Sohrweide, Jeff Werner
Others Present: Director of Park, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Sasse moved for approval of Agenda; Sohrweide issued second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/12/2019 was placed into motion by Sohrweide with a second of Sasse. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input:
 - Cottonwood trees are dusting up our summer again; Superintendent Wusterbarth and Director Bostedt searched out the source and will be sending out letters to residents at the end of Luby Avenue.
 - Sasse found a new online group called “Wild Oconto” based on area wildlife. He noticed some great natural photographs.
- 6.) Correspondence: The Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR is an endless useful update but there are no comments this month.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) 2019 6th Grade Arbor Day Planting Review— The Committee notes that the trees planted are thriving. Our past City efforts with Japanese Lilacs have proved beautiful and fragrant. Five trees need to be replaced “on” Main Street and 2 @ the Governor’s Mansion. Werner questioned whether planting of Main Street might be done this fall. Director Bostedt will contact his source to discover the possibility.
 - b.) Memorial Tree Brochure update was presented by Werner with the back page names changed to reflect the present. Discussion centered on replacing that page with something else but since a limited number are printed it was felt that by the time we need to reprint, that too will be among the changes. Yet to be done? Badendick suggested we clean up the muddy icon (Tree USA); all agreed the tree selection needs clarification. Bostedt will work with Bay Impressions for printing and then we’ll have one last update. Werner suggested an Oconto Reporter article on completion... and others suggested we add it to our website.
 - c.) 2019 6th Grade Arbor Day Posters (Put Up) — TABLED to the end of the meeting.
 - d.) Lexi Martin Email— Director Bostedt made contact and informed Lexi (2019 Forestry poster winner) and parents of the decision to honor her grandparents with the recognition plaque.
 - e.) Future Tree Planting Areas had no additions.
 - f.) Planted Trees Update occurred during the meeting agenda above.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, August 14 @ 8 a.m.
2018 posters were removed from the City Hall Forestry “wall of fame” and 2019 were placed.
- 9.) **Sasse summoned adjournment @ 9:04 a.m. with a Sohrweide second. (4 Ayes)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl