

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 @ 8:00 A.M.

OCONTO CITY HALL

- 1.) Jeff Werner called the meeting to order @ 8 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Orlando Sohrweide, Jeff Werner
Excused: Tom Sasse
Also Present: Director of Park, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Sohrweide issued approval of agenda with a second of Badendick. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/14/2019 was motioned by Sohrweide; Badendick seconded. (M/C)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR was distributed by e-mail; several issues corresponded with interest. Flowering vines, fragrant, atop vegetation due to wet conditions have been sited. The Committee is glad the bulletin continues as it is most informative concerning conditions.
 - b.) Article: “Could Trees Halt Climate Change?”-Scientist supported- suggests more tree planting to aid global reforestation reducing carbon emissions. Trees do more than just look good. Discussion on the City of Oconto plantings affirmed a positive response. “New Tree Planting” is one of 3 brochures available @ City Hall: all helpful to the public.
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a.) Review of wording of present Ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees, Sec. 6-4-9 occurred with agreement to add “as in female Cottonwoods” to it: document placement was suggested. Committee agreement followed as **Badendick motioned approval to reword Ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees, Sec. 6-4-9, nuisance trees. Sohrweide called second. (M/C)**
 - b.) Updated Memorial Tree Brochure is complete and being printed. Breakdown of order cost will follow as this brochure has dated information and should be considered accordingly. Cost will be covered by the printing/reproduction account.
 - c.) Planted Trees Update is positive as they are thriving.
 - d.) Future Tree Planting Ideas— Awareness of Citywide need continues among the Committee. Director Bostedt stated that Doren reconstruction requires 8 – 12 trees replaced which makes this area a middle school student spring planting project potential. (One property owner requested 3 Ginkgo trees planted this fall.)
 - e.) Urban Forestry Board Handbook— Ordered.
 - f.) **Forestry Budget for 2020 as presented was motioned as acceptable by Badendick and seconded by Sohrweide. (M/C)**
“Other” is a “holding tank” for upcoming 2020 tree planting; Citywide Tree Assessment; and EAB coverage: carryover is necessary for such future action to be taken.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Tuesday, October 15 @ 8 a.m. (Adjustment depends on Sasse)**
- 9.) **Sohrweide motioned adjournment @ 8:43 a.m. Badendick summoned a second. (M/C)**