

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 22, 2020 @ 9:30 A.M.

Oconto City Hall Conference Room

1.) Mayor Lloyd Heier called the meeting to order @ 9:37 a.m.

2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Jeff Werner

Excused: Orlando Sohrweide

Also Present: Mayor Lloyd Heier, Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry John Bostedt

3.) **Election of President was called by Mayor Heier with the nomination emanating 3 times: Sasse closed the nominations with a Badendick second.**

(M/C)

Thereafter Badendick motioned to elect Jeff Werner as President of the Forestry Committee with a back up motion of Sasse.

(3 Ayes)

4.) **Mayor Heier next called for the election of Vice President 3 times with the closing motion of Werner and second of Badendick.**

(M/C)

Werner called for election of Tom Sasse as Forestry V.P. Badendick followed with a second.

(3 Ayes)

5.) **President Jeff Werner called for the approval of Agenda; Badendick called with a second of Sasse.**

(M/C)

6.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/12/2020 was placed in motion by Sasse with a second of Badendick.**

(M/C)

7.) Public Input: Badendick called attention to Jefferson St. walkway next to the road: one tree needs attention. Bostedt responded.

8.) Correspondence:

a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR was received electronically by Committee members. Werner stated that it is good to keep up with the information.

b.) Wisconsin Pollinators (e-mail) was also of monthly distribution. It is a valuable source of multiple natural issues.

Here the Committee discussed Cottonwood trees which are very active this summer. Oconto is alert to necessary elimination.

9.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:

a.) Review of wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees remains informational until the ordinance is returned to the Committee. Tabled.

- b.) 2020 WAA/DNR Forestry Conference February 16th, 17th, & 18th in Green Bay had no input at this late date but it was agreed that there is always something gained. The 2021 WAA/DNR Forestry Conference is anticipated.
- c.) Future Tree Planting Areas— Both Doren Ave. trees as well as those of Mott St. are receiving summer planting.
- d.) Tree trimming occurs @ the base of younger trees and spikes (water sprouts) in the terrace.
- e.) Other Plantings— One tree will be replaced @ Pecor and Farnsworth.
- f.) Trees Removed— Rainwater is uprooting and destroying some area plantings. These will seek our attention in the future. There are two approved citizens collecting deadwood @ Sharp Park.
- g.) 2020 Sixth Grade Tree Planting Project has been COVID detained. The Committee did introduce, distribute poster directions and select and present a winner, as well as give informational packets to the students. No planting was achieved with students as school closure was rapid. It was agreed that now we should close off that class activity and concentrate on the 2021 sixth grade Arbor Day.
- h.) Terms for Committee Members and where each member is in their term will be an Agenda item.

Note: Susan Seidl has been approved and accepted the Forestry Committee Alternate position.

Orlando's health was discussed with concern.

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Thursday, July 16 @ 8 a.m.**

Agenda Items: Review of wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees

Terms for Committee Members and where each member is in their term

11.) **Sasse summoned adjournment @ 10:02 a.m. Badendick witnessed a second.**
(M/C)

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl