

## FORESTRY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 8:00 A.M.**

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) President Jeff Werner called the meeting to order @ 8:08 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Jeff Werner, and Susan K. Seidl  
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Sasse issued approval of Agenda; Badendick called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/22/2020 was placed in motion by Seidl with a second of Sasse. (M/C)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
  - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR— We learned more about the state of our Balsam trees in NE WI and were enthused to know about resistant (to Dutch Elm) Elm trees in the natural environment.
  - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators (e-mail) This monthly is environmentally informational.
    - Seidl has been accepted by Council to finish out the term of Orlando Sohrweide which concludes in 2022. Bostedt is looking into a plaque for the Sohrweide's years of dedication.
    - Director Bostedt was called about Doren St. and Scherer Ave. activity. It was noted by a resident that individuals are walking trails in Sharp Park after hours. Bostedt and Oconto police have been making rounds after hours; the crew also shaved brush in the area for visibility.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
  - a.) Review wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees continues in monthly anticipation. Tabled.
  - b.) Future Tree Planting Areas— No updates.
  - c.) Tree Trimming—Seasonal attention is nearly complete; there are 6 more areas to attack including sprouts, and sagging branches.
  - d.) Other Plantings— The roundabout and Pecor St. in the fall; Doren Ave. is also a potential in the fall as well.
  - e.) Trees Removed— One Cottonwood tree on Luby, and deadheads and branches throughout the river (from harbor to Railroad Bridge) have been removed by the Park, Rec. and Forestry crew.
  - f.) Terms for Committee Members and Where each member is in their term:
    - Werner and Badendick: 2021
    - Sasse and Seidl: 2022Each term is 3 years and comes due October 1.
  - g.) Tree City USA 2019— We have been awarded gold as a 20 year member: a sign and Tree City flag (@ Holtwood) will announce our achievement, signs also at the entrances to the City.
  - h.) Round-a-bout tree and Pecor St. tree replacement— The Committee has been watching progress of our newer crab apple and Kentucky Coffee trees, which are thriving.
  - i.) Staking of previously planted trees is to be completed yet. Our streets and City Parks look outstandingly sharp: Congratulations crew!
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, August 13 @ 8 a.m.  
Agenda Items: Review wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees
- 9.) **Sasse summoned adjournment @ 8:33 a.m. Seidl witnessed a second. (M/C)**  
Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl