

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 13th, 2020 @ 8:00 A.M.

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) President J. Werner called the meeting to order @ 8:10 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Tom Sasse, Jeff Werner, and Alternate member Susan K. Seidl
Excused: Nick Badendick
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Sasse issued approval of Agenda; Seidl called second.** (3 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 7/16/2020 was placed in motion by Sasse with a second of Werner.** (3 Ayes)
- 5.) Public Input: Director Bostedt has been alerted to moth nests in trees (tent caterpillars): some by residents and some by observation: 5 nests have been burned; 1 tree was sprayed by the City crew due to bug infestation. He asks Committee members to observe when walking/about town and to let him know if any other trees have been affected for quick attention.
- 6.) Correspondence:
 - a.) The Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR was electronically sent by Director Bostedt to the Committee. This issue we found more informative: Balsam problems.
 - b.) **Wisconsin Pollinators** was also an electronic send. The segment on jumping and “native” worms (in the past, night crawlers) was most informative. When we buy plants/trees... we need to buy them in their own bulb of dirt.
 - c.) Tree City USA Bulletin, handed out at the meeting, should be read with input @ our September meeting. (Invasive trees and shrubs/visuals)
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Review wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees could not yet be addressed due to the unusual summer expectations and will remain on the agenda.
 - b.) Future Tree Planting Areas— No additions.
 - c.) Tree Trimming— The crew has pruned the terrace areas including sprouts.
 - d.) Other Plantings— Doren planting remains in waiting.
 - e.) Trees Removed— Farnsworth Ave. and Frank Street had a large limb loss from a recent wind storm. It has been removed.
 - f.) Round-a-bout tree and Pecor St. tree replacement— These should be addressed in the fall since they will take hold better @ that time of year.
 - g.) Staking of previously planted trees— Just a couple remain. Newly planted trees and those near the “ShopKo” property have been watered when challenged by the hot days. It has been determined that black dirt has become an essential to successful planting in the City of Oconto and @ Copper Culture State Park.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Monday, September 14 @ 8 a.m.**
Agenda Items: Tree City USA Bulletin
2021 Budget
 - Since Orlando Sohrweide, who has served in this position several years, had to leave the Committee due to health... rather abruptly, we sent a card from the Forestry Committee.
- 9.) **Sasse summoned adjournment @ 8:31 a.m. Seidl witnessed a second.** (M/C)

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl