

FORESTRY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 15th, 2020 @ 8:00 A.M.
Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman J. Werner called the meeting to order @ 8:07 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Tom Sasse, Jeff Werner, and Susan K. Seidl
Absent: Nick Badendick
Also Present: Director of Forestry, Parks, and Rec. John Bostedt
- 3.) **Seidl issued approval of Agenda; Sasse witnessed the second.** (3 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/24/2020 was placed into motion by Sasse with a second of Werner.** (3 Ayes)
- 4.) Public Input: None.
- 5.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR (2 “e”) Affects of the weather on the Balsam trees, etc.
Facts to celebrate:
 - Forest products contribute \$24.4 billion annually to the states economy.
 - Forests directly provide more than 60,000 jobs for Wisconsin residents with a payroll of \$4.2 billion.
 - Forestry is the number one employer in 7 counties.
 - Every forestry job supports 1.7 additional jobs in the state.
 - More than 1,200 forest products companies in Wisconsin make products we use every day from paper products such as food packaging, fine writing paper and tissue paper, to lumber used for homes and furniture.
 - Emerging forest products such as mass timber, Nan cellulose and biochemical are beginning to unlock innovative uses for wood that may help the states Industry further diversify in the future.
 - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators (e-mail) (2) Interesting in the 1st issue is hibernating bees; protecting plants in winter; and the Great Lake quiz. The 2nd issue offered knowledge on the extinction of species due to climate change: butterflies are #1. It covered solutions to salting winter sidewalks/roads: a continuing theory of trial and error. Salt alternatives continue to be studied due to environmental impact. There was presented an extensive study of thistles. Finally, North American Beaver and hydrology gave the Committee a view of the environmental #2 builder.
 - c.) 2020 Urban Forestry: Webinar— Seidl is viewing the Webinar 3 weeks of 4 and has provided education thereof through her notes and handout materials which Director Bostedt duplicated. The Committee will review them and share their thoughts in November.
NOTE: Bostedt created a mission statement for the Committee: we are to consider it for the November meeting. (It will accompany the webpage.)
 - d.) Alternative to Ash Trees for the Urban Landscape or as Street Trees, handed out at a previous meeting, is to be studied by the Committee.
 - e.) “Buying High Quality Trees,” handed out at meeting, was from Seidl’s Webinar and will be studied for any comments at the November meeting.
- 6.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Review wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees still awaits the address of Superintendent Wusterbarth.
 - b.) Future Tree Planting Areas— The 2020 planting, if not by the end of the month, will be in spring, stated Bostedt. The Committee is to continue pondering the “future” of this subject.
 - c.) Trees Removed— Both Holtwood Campground and City Park Campground have been affected and are being handled.
 - d.) 2021 Forestry Budget will be determined @ the 10/27/2020 City Council Budget meeting.

e.) The 2021 6th Grade Arbor Day Celebration has initial issues to consider

- The poster theme/motto
- A late January school visit as an introduction, with Forestry materials to distribute.

7.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, November 12 @ 8 a.m.

Agenda Items: Alternative to Ash Trees for the Urban Landscape

“Buying High Quality Trees”

Forestry Mission Statement

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

2021 Forestry Budget

2021 6th Grade Arbor Day Celebration: theme/visit

8.) Sasse summoned adjournment @ 7:30 a.m. Seidl witnessed a second.

(M/C)

Minutes submitted by

Susan K. Seidl