

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**  
**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.**  
Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Jeff Werner called the meeting to order @ 8:07 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Tom Sasse, Susan K. Seidl, and Jeff Werner  
Absent: Nick Badendick  
Also Present: Director of Forestry, Parks and Rec., John Bostedt
- 3.) **Seidl motioned for approval of Agenda; Sasse called second motion. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/10/2021 issued from Sasse with a second of Werner. (M/C)**
- 5.) Public Input: Bostedt indicated that a flowering tree will be placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> roundabout. Sasse informed the Committee that wood chips will be placed by volunteers (himself included) on the same roundabout 4/24/2021.
- 6.) Correspondence:
  - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR alerted us to prune Oak trees after July which avoids oak wilt; to treat Ash Trees from the Borer with the clue of Woodpecker damage; recognize Gypsy Moth egg masses; note Stem Rust of the Jack Pine.
  - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators (2-Emailed) (1) Included Lady bugs + quiz; bird nesting materials; enhanced bee study; flower planning; Honey Bee Drones + quiz; How butterflies take wing + video + quiz; (2) slow motion bees and biology; bird box cleaning; disease resistant American Elms; garden dried flowers; native turtles; pollinator favorites; and a tree leaf quiz.
  - c.) Rainbow Tree Care (Webinars) No member input.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
  - a.) Review wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees is being viewed and edited by Director Bostedt and Superintendent Wusterbarth: they are determining the number of days/time frame that residents will have to deal with these affected trees.
  - b.) Future Tree Planting Areas—Werner spoke of the west end of Pecor St. before Brazeau on the left side offers area for tree planting. The right side is affected by power lines.
  - c.) Trees Removed—Director Bostedt reported that campground Christmas décor has been eliminated. The staff has now removed marked trees. What remains is grinding stump work which is on the list for this department and/or Public Works.
  - d.) Finalization of the 2021 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arbor Day Celebration Theme/Visit/Planting/Poster Contest Rules led to the following:
    - **BCA** has joined this year's event: one morning event. **(13 / 18 rain date) A.M.**
    - The teachers consider this a nice opportunity since field trips have been pandemic affected. Three groups of **OMS** students will be distributed between morning and afternoon. **(May 12 / 21 rain date) A. M. and P. M.** Werner created the schedule with teacher awareness of date/time availability. Sasse sought clarification of tree types to be planted: Japanese Lilac and Kentucky Coffee. Most will be located from the Gospel Chapel to the Library.
    - The Committee judged **BCA 11 posters; OMS 37 posters**; with a total of 48 posters: whose theme reads "Trees grow with us and for us." BCA and OMS were judged separately. Awards of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be distributed accordingly. Bostedt will see that double plaques are available.
    - 2022 will revisit Contest Prize awarding.
  - e.) Review Poster Contest Posters—TABLED.

f.) Updating the City Tree Inventory— Director Bostedt reported that he has inquiries out for the work and is awaiting quotes.

g.) 2021 Tree City Growth Award Update— TABLED.

h.) City Website Ideas for the Forestry Page— Bostedt indicated that our Mission Statement can now be seen there as well as the EAB Plan, memorial brochure; and the # to call if there are any ?s concerning pruning or planting. He is seeking any other appropriate materials that may be added. Eventually Oconto updating its Tree Inventory can be added.

8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Tuesday, May 4 @ 8 p.m.**

Agenda Items: 2021 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arbor Day

- **BCA (May 13 / 18 rain date) A.M only**
- **OMS (May 12 / 21 rain date) A. M. and P.M.**
  - Review Poster Contest Posters
  - 2021 Tree City Growth Award Update

9.) **Sasse witnessed the Forestry Committee adjournment @ 9:49 a.m. Seidl announced second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl