

FORESTRY COMMITTEE
Friday, July 16th, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.
Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Tom Sasse 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.) **Werner motioned for approval of Agenda; Seidl motioned second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/17/2021 was called by Werner with a Sasse follow-up. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR e-mailed by Director Bostedt monthly showed us that EAB has reached Iron County, noted by the Committee; more on the forest tent caterpillar- a native species but destructive, says Sasse, who also advised we eliminate them early in the morning, and Werner noted the waves in which tent worms come, also highlighting the east coast with Cicadas and the worrisome Grasshoppers in the west too; an introduction to the Spruce Budworm, Balsam Worm Sawfly, and Yellow-headed Spruce Sawfly; not to speak of the “Oh, My!” Aphids, Scales and Spittlebugs; what is growing on the Oak tree; the Oak Shot Hole Leafminer; and Spiny Oak Wawfly; Oak frost and freeze results which Sasse emphasized are destructive elements to the environment; Balsam Fir Needle Rust; Pine Bark Adelgid; and – rare but harmful- Giant Hogweed. Sasse informed how dangerous Giant Hogweed is to skin (3rd ° burns) and eyes.
 - b.) WI Pollinators. July once again enlightened us as to how to save roadside habitat; when to add beehive supers; beneficial fungi; butterfly wing structure, color and function; pollinator ground covers; the red fox quiz; how to use coffee grounds in the garden/as mulch (Discussion led to where we can pick up saved grounds.); and native Bumble Bees. (In connection with the roadside habitat, which members discussed on cutting trimming of natural pollinators, like milkweed. Seidl brought the July/August 2021 Philip Gulley article from the Saturday Evening Post entitled “Porch Songs” which Director Bostedt duplicated for the Committee.)
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Review wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees has led us to anticipate Superintendent Wusterbarth @ our next meeting. Some digression needs to be had within the content so that sound judgment outweighs the statement which could cause needless cutting.
 - b.) Future Tree Planting Areas- It was suggested the west end of Pecor (southwest side) be of a potential 4 or 5 trees.
 - c.) Trees Removed- Storm damage brought down 2 trees within the City and uprooted one @ Copper Culture.
 - d.) 2021 Tree City Growth Award Update tells us our deadline is Dec. 31st.
 - e.) Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page remain as is: Memorial tree brochure; EAB plan; Mission Statement; and brochures and advice available @ City Hall for planting/pruning/removal of trees.
 - f.) Posting of 2021 6th Grade Posters was completed @ the end of the meeting which brought the meeting to a close at 9:55 a.m. by the Committee.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Friday, August 6 @ 8 a.m.**
Agenda Items: Saturday Evening Post article “Porch Songs”; Wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees; Drafting of a letter to the WI DOT concerning roadside planting/emphasis native plants.
- 9.) **Sasse summoned adjournment @ 8:45 a.m. with a concluding motion of Werner. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl