

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**  
**Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.**  
Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) The September Forestry meeting was brought to order by Chairman Sasse @ 8: 02 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Susan K. Seidl, and Jeff Werner (- 8:35)  
Also Present: Director of Forestry, Parks, and Rec. John Bostedt
- 3.) **Seidl motioned approval of Agenda; Werner motioned second.** (4 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/6/2021 issued from Werner with a second of Sasse.** (4 Ayes)
- 5.) Public Input: None. Both a calendar and pen were distributed to the members by Director Bostedt.
- 6.) Correspondence:
  - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR concentrated on the spread of EAB (to Barron County, noted Sasse) and root disease. We were alerted to view Oak Wilt symptoms NOW: Red 1<sup>st</sup> and White 2<sup>nd</sup>, says Werner. Also covered were the Oak Timber worm, Lacebugs, Woolly Aphids (damaging but most often naturally controlled) and also so the Wild Cucumber.
  - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators gave a vivid understanding of Honey Bee drones. Also covered was the biology of a mushroom; protecting trees from rabbits & deer; why we should plant Goldenrod; more beekeeping tasks; a basic botany quiz; and Epsom Salts in the garden. The second issue sent by Director Bostedt covered how honey gets it's color... and if it changes flavor; WI ticks who love warm and moist; the importance of propagating Milkweed; native Thistles; September bee-keeping tasks; butterfly watch and Monarch migration; and the flower nectar quiz.
  - c.) Article: "Porch Songs" was covered @ the August meeting. However Sasse brought in a new article of WI Wetlands Association: Aug. 2021 entitled "New Wetland Invasive Plant Discovered in WI: European frog-bit". Sasse informed the Committee that the discovery was about ½ mile north of the Oconto River, on what it looks like, and its impact on environment: Difficult to control and costly to remove. It was envisioned with Sasse's pictures that resemble water lilies.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
  - a.) Review wording of present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees with the reading of the Committee was able to have closure. After extensive discussion of potential changes the following became **motion by Werner to accept the wording as stated by Director Bostedt of the present ordinance for Dangerous, Obstructive, or Infected Trees. Sasse voiced the second.** (M/C)
  - b.) Future Tree Planting Areas— Director Bostedt, seeing the future need, suggests Harbor Road's north side. The Committee thought the suggestion most worthy. This led to discussion of lighting and parking out there.
  - c.) Trees Removed— None since the August meeting. However there have been several hanging branches removed.
  - d.) 2021 Tree City Growth Award Update—TABLED. December 31<sup>st</sup> marks the deadline.
  - e.) Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page— No new additions @ this time.
  - f.) Drafting of a letter to DOT (WI) concerning roadside planting/Emphasis on native plants—TABLED. Seidl did bring in a list of potential inclusion. The next meeting will have more info and ideas so that a letter can be written.
  - g.) Update on Clean-up from end of July storm— REA cut the Copper Culture tree away from its power lines. Also, 2 trees remain on the Disc Golf course and will be dealt with yet this year. We now have few workers in Parks, Rec. and Forestry as they were summer help so this kind of recovery must be made between Public Works and us.
  - h.) **2022 Forestry Budget** (handed out at meeting) reflected 2021 for the most part with standard financial detail, including \$600 for the Jan./Feb. Conference, and \$6,500 in Other, broken down on the handout and explained verbally by Director Bostedt. We questioned if we yet have a bid on the City Tree Assessment which will no doubt reach \$18,000 - \$20,000. Bostedt announced that the Assessment list is approached one year ahead of the process. We anticipate a firm bid soon. **Badendick motioned to approve the 2022 Forestry Budget be passed on to Council. Werner voiced second.** (4Ayes)
- 8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, October 12 @ 8 a.m.**  
Agenda Items: 2021 Tree City Growth Award Update  
Drafting of a letter to DOT (WI) concerning roadside planting/Emphasis on native plants
- 9.) **Seidl summoned adjournment @ 9:04 a.m. Badendick witnessed second.** (M/C)  
Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl