

## FORESTRY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.**

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Tom Sasse called the meeting to order @ 8: 09 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 moved for approval of Agenda; Werner called second.** (3 Ayes)
  - 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/3/2021 issued from Sasse with a second of Werner.** (3 Ayes)
  - 5.) Public Input: None.
  - 6.) Correspondence:
    - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR – 2 (September & October) The 1<sup>st</sup> issue focused on Diplodia Shoot Blight vs. Red Pine Shoot Moth; Redhead Pine Sawfly #s high in NE WI; White Pine with red and wilting tips; Pear Slug Sawfly defoliation treatment tips; Active Fall Webworm; and Reasons for Brown Oak larva's. The second issue concentrated on Gypsy Moth egg masses; Managing damage by White Pine Weevil; Mystery of Oaks defoliated by Oak Slug Sawfly; and Oriental Bittersweet: a bitter beauty. These issues were discussed according to Committee interests and concerns.
    - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators – (2) **Fall Migration** brought awareness to Hummingbirds; Monarch Butterfly migration; Fall fertilizing; bees learning curve; Mason Bees homes and cocoons; Mosquito quiz; WI native plant nurseries; and Removal of Honey Bee colonies. **Why Do Leaves Change Colors** dealt with just that; WI Native Sunflowers; The Langstroth Beehive; Ways to use fall leaves; Forest Tent Caterpillar; Poison Ivy quiz; Bees in winter. Here too Committee members added retrieved knowledge of which they found worthy.
  - 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
    - a.) Future Tree Planting Areas— The most recent addition has been consideration of the north side of the newly reconstructed Harbor Rd.
    - b.) Trees Removed— These include 2 felled trees @ Copper Culture State Park.
    - c.) 2021 Tree City Growth Award Update— TABLED.
    - d.) Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page— No new additions.
    - e.) Drafting of a letter to DOT (WI) concerning roadside planting/Emphasis on native plants has been TABLED for the November meeting.
    - f.) Update on Clean-up from end of July storm— One tree on the disk golf course remains @ hole 9. A Birch @ Copper Culture has had complete removal.
- \*\*\* The article issued by Sasse: “New wetland invasive plant discovered in WI: European frog-bit” was consumed by the Committee. Sasse and Bostedt reported that the DNR is accessing our “found” area and hopefully will keep tabs with us on the latest decision. Meantime, a laminated explanation of the area oddity has been posted.
- g.) 2022 Forestry Budget presented @ the last meeting has been discussed with the City Administrator and approved. It will be presented in November to the Council for their approval.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, November 9 @ 8 a.m.
  - 9.) **Seidl summoned adjournment @ 8:50 a.m. Werner witnessed second.** (M/C)

Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl