

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Tom Sasse called the meeting to order.
- 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 10/12/2021 issued from Sasse with a second of Werner. (M/C)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR – 2 (November) Note: Acorn Weevils; and our rudest aggressor Buckthorn. (Someone want to herd their goats?)
 - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators – 3 (Fall Migration; Why Do Leaves Change Colors; & Hummingbirds) Hummingbird mating; why pumpkin caroling: Irish tradition; woodland spring ephemerals garden plan; pollination basics; dead-heading flowers; WI Pesticide registration; garter snakes; and a butterfly quiz. A second “Pollinators” covered the wild turkey and dog “poop”.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Future Tree Planting Areas— The east side of Madison St. and Pecor/Brazeau on one side remain an option.
 - b.) Trees removed have been accomplished for-the-most-part at present.
 - c.) 2021 Tree City USA Recertification— Director Bostedt is working on this. He requested pictures of our last planting event: Sasse and Werner responded.
 - d.) 2021 Tree City Growth Award— Bostedt is working on this in November. We will look it over in the December meeting. City property damage 2021 may hold a place here. The Mott St. project could be added. This year 37 trees total planted. We probably had equal trees downed. In the past we have planted as many as 50 trees.
 - e.) Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page— Do we want to list Committee names as other communities?
 - f.) Drafting of a letter to the DOT (WI) concerning roadside planting/Emphasis on native plants was addressed with the following results: Since it is fall we will have time to approach this project throughout the winter.
 - g.) 2022 Forestry Budget is an issue for Council tonight: the Administration has requested Department cuts where ever they can. There will be a December Committee update.
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, December 7 @ 8 a.m.
Agenda items: Early Nov. Wisconsin Pollinators; Photos for Tree USA recertification; Website Committee names; Drafting of a letter to the DOT (WI); 2022 Forestry Budget
- 9.) **Seidl summoned adjournment@ 8:49 a.m. Werner witnessed second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl