

Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Tom Sasse called the meeting to order @ 8:09 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Susan K. Seidl, and Jeff Werner
Also Present: Director of Forestry, Parks and Rec. John Bostedt
- 3.) **Sasse moved for approval of Agenda; Badendick called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/09/2021 issued from Sasse with a second of Werner. (M/C)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
 - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR: Not received to date.
 - b.) **Wisconsin Pollinators – 2 (How Do Monarchs Navigate During Migration 11/7/21 & Can Plants Tell Time? 11/21/21)** The first issue not only covered Monarch's travel but also WI Native Turkeys... with a quiz; Dog "Poop" as a harm to other nature; Beard tongues and pollinators; and Nov. bee keeping. Our second issue began with Plants' Circadian Rhythm; Native American and WI Cranberries (which we remarked as to it being a major WI production); once again, the Great Lakes quiz; jumping worms (!) (Sasse stated that they are transported via other plants, mulch, soil: members have not evidenced them in Oconto as yet.); butterfly eggs; benefits of soil inoculants; and how to read bee brood frames.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) **Future Tree Planting Areas** continues to be an attentive issue.
 - b.) **2021 Tree City USA Recertification** will have pictures to accompany via Sasse and Werner. Director Bostedt will thereby complete the recertification.
 - c.) **2021 Tree City Growth Award**, reviewed before the meeting, unearthed some new additions via discussion: expanded brochures; expansion of our Arbor Day with 6th grade and group awards; and new membership to the Committee. These additions accumulate enough points for the 2021 award It was noted that our most recent information will be the same until the State updates it.
 - d.) **Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page**— Brainstorming led to: public invitation to those of environmental interest/knowledge as future Committee members; creating a link to dangerous and nuisance trees; accolades of City/Committee activities... with pictures.
 - e.) **2022 Forestry Budget** is solidified: \$2,000 requested for our upcoming tree inventory has been denied. Bostedt is waiting for a tree inventory quote so we can put it into motion.
 - f.) **Drafting of a letter to DOT (WI)** concerning roadside planting/Emphasis on native plants remains on the agenda as our winter project.
- 8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 8 a.m.**
- 9.) **Seidl summoned adjournment @ 8:44 a.m. Werner witnessed the second. (M/C)**

Submitted by
Susan K. Seidl