

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M.**

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) The February meeting was called to order by Chairman Sasse @ 8:08 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Susan K. Seidl, Jeff Werner.  
Also Present: Director of Forestry, Parks and Rec. John Bostedt
- 3.) **Seidl motioned for approval of Agenda. Werner called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **With the correction of 6.) b.) it was noted that where we live in WI is labeled at the 4/5 boarder of hardiness climate zone location. We followed with this correction; approval of Meeting Minutes from 01/13/2022 was submitted by Sasse with a follow-up second of Werner. (4 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.

6.) **Correspondence:**

- a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update - WI DNR ((2) January highlighted Oak tree pruning in winter: helps prevent Oak wilt. February informed how to avoid invasive plants. It stated that WI prohibits sale of 145 plants which have invasive, ecological, or human health harm: *one is to watch buying them @ nurseries.*
- b.) Wisconsin Pollinators – ((2) 1/17/22 **“Native Flowering Shrubs”**: there are 18 in WI; Nematodes; Honeybee risk; soil structure; pollinator color preferences; Hummingbird quiz; and the benefit of garden earthworms. 2/1/22 **“It’s Groundhog Day”** included a quiz on the subject; earthworm problems; Feb. beekeeping; 18 spring garden blooms; compost tea; and Climate Change with WI winters.

7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**

- a.) Future Tree Planting Areas— Noted: Harbor Rd. has had many trees removed due to the road project, and those dying.
- b.) Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page— No new additions.
- c.) 2022 WAA/WI DNR Annual Conference (virtual)— It was determined that the Committee will view the **2022 Conference @ City Hall Friday, March 4 from 9 a.m. through the afternoon.** Also members identified their interests which Sasse will filter for the day of—.
- d.) Drafting of a Letter to DOT (WI) Concerning Roadside Planting/Emphasis on Native Plants— Members came with ideas for the draft, using Werner’s online find. Changes to the form letter were discussed. Sasse will access online and complete the send from the City of Oconto Forestry Committee with the added discussion.
- e.) Main Street Japanese Lilac Replacement Planting— Director Bostedt noted that if these trees can only be accessed in a certain window, he and his crew will see that they are planted. Otherwise, they could become a part of the Arbor Day event.
- f.) 2022 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arbor Day Activities— Werner brought the poster rules which will not change. The Awards too will remain the same. He will contact relevant teachers and discuss their schedules and possible dates. This will be firmed @ our March meeting.

- 8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Friday, March 4 @ 8 a.m. and throughout the afternoon 2022 Conference**  
(On this day we will also select the Arbor Day poster theme.)  
**: Wednesday, March 9 @ 8 a. m.** (Regular meeting)

- 9.) **Werner summoned adjournment @ 9:01 a.m. Badendick witnessed second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl