

## FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M.

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Tom Sasse called the meeting to order @ 8:15 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Susan K. Seidl,  
Excused: Jeff Werner  
Also Present: Director of Forestry, Parks, and Rec. John Bostedt
- 3.) **Seidl motioned approval of Agenda; Badendick called second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 02/10/2022 was submitted by Sasse with a follow-up second of Badendick. (M/C)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence:
  - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update - WI DNR None was received during this interim.
  - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators – (2) (2/14/22 Native Roses) Among its information was knowledge that roses are a U.S.-foreign-species brought here: only 1-2% are original and serve as a food and protection source for wildlife; there are 7 indigenous species to WI; wild roses require no care. Other issues were nitrogen variations; the Soil Food Web; the problem with commercial nitrogen fertilizers; native wild hyacinth (tolerate clay soils); honey bee breeds; owl quiz; and the WI owl residents. (2/27/22 Starting Plants From Seeds Indoors) included Nucleus Cobney vs Package Bees; spring pruning; plant EXUDATES; solitary bee nesting; fertilizer quiz; humic acids for poor soils; and March beekeeping.
  - c.) “Arbor Day E-News” March/April issue was celebrating 50 years (1972-2022) of forestry. Its history was revealed including school orchards; economics of urban forestry; and the Southern Magnolia.
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
  - a.) **Future Tree Planting Areas** will remain on the agenda: no change.
  - b.) **Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page** will remain on the agenda: no change.
  - c.) **2022 WAA/WI DNR Annual Conference** was a reserved day of viewing multiple sessions by the Committee and Forestry crew. Due to the need to buy the entire conference @ \$635 per person, Forestry could NOT AFFORD attendance. We suspended attendance 2022. The monies that were available will be used for other appropriate Forestry needs. Director Bostedt suggested alternatives to the Conference Coordinators: adjustment costs should be made, as buying in as is has been determined unaffordable.
  - d.) **2022 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arbor Day Activities:**
    - **Poster contest** rules have been distributed; April 8<sup>th</sup> entries are due. Both the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and BCA will once again be entered and judged separately.
    - **Theme:** Since it is Arbor Day’s Sesquicentennial the Committee pondered how to incorporate that and an early theme. The Committee remembered their past school Arbor Day celebrations. The theme chosen:  
**Trees... 150 years.**  
**A joy forever!**

Director Bostedt will contact Werner with the results.
- 8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, April 12 @ 8 a.m.**  
Agenda Items: Arbor Day poster judging  
Established planting dates
- 9.) **Seidl summoned adjournment @ 8:56 a.m. Badendick witnessed second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl