

## FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 @ 8:00 A.M.  
Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Tom Sasse called the August meeting to order @ 8:07 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Susan K. Seidl, Jeff Werner  
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry John Bostedt; Diane Motiff, and Lori Stenstrup
- 3.) **Sasse voiced a motion of approval of Agenda; Werner called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 07/12/2023 was issued by Werner with a Sasse second. (4 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: Director Bostedt brought to the Committee attention to the presence of Box Elder bugs which are flourishing on resident property. Humorous nature cartoons were shared by Seidl.
- 6.) Correspondence:
  - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health Update - WI DNR-
    - 7/10/2023 Sasse noted that Beach Scale is in Marinette and Sheboygan Counties. Spruce BudWorm is also making its presence known.
    - 8/15/2023 There are a record 373 thousand acres under destruction from Spongy Moss.
    - Sasse noted that Beach Scale is in Marinette and Door Counties. Spruce BudWorm is also making its presence known.
  - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators – (3)  
“Identify That Caterpillar in Your Garden” (7/9/2023) ; “Wisconsin’s Butterfly Parks” (7/23/2023);  
“Wisconsin’s Native Snakes” (8/6/2023)  
Issues included why to avoid using insecticides: there are more natural solutions; and environmental concerns of “dog poop”.
  - c.) Wisconsin DNR-Info (8/2/2023= DNR Fun at the Fair; 8/11/2023-Last Chance Deal on WDNR Magazine) Although the dates have passed, knowing of these events opens the door to our investigation.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following: **c.) - e.) and g.)** were discussed simultaneously. Bostedt will be having a conference call with Stephanie from “Goats on the Go”. She is continuing research for financial grants: she also will write them. We will thereafter have another upcoming conference call with her as to her needs and progress. Administrator Brittney is getting together our financial paperwork.
  - a.) Future Tree Planting Areas have been established, keeping in mind the limited budget.
  - b.) Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page- Tree Ordinance planting will be added in the near future.
  - c.) Sharp Park (Select Cut/Buckthorn/Clean Up)
  - d.) Grants (Google Docs) for Buckthorn
  - e.) From Stephanie: Sharp Park-What to Expect and Sharp Park Quote
  - f.) Update on Planted Trees with Drought Conditions tells us that heat and perhaps the rough winter have affected trees: however, we have only lost one. Although the City crew planted a few trees early, we plan to have an October planting.
  - g.) Set-Up Meeting For Grants 2024 -Buckthorn
- 8.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, September 20 @ 8 a.m.  
NOTE: All hired youth are finished working with the Department now.
- 9.) **Seidl summoned adjournment @ 8:45 a.m. Werner witnessed the second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl