

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE
on Wednesday June 12th, 2024 @ 8:00 A.M.
in the City Hall Council Chambers

1. Chairman Sasse called the June meeting to order @ 8:07 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Tom Sasse, Susan K. Seidl, Jeff Werner; EXCUSED Nick Badendick ALSO present: John Bostedt/Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry; Mayor Martin; Diane Motiff
3. Werner motioned for approval of Agenda; Seidl witnessed a second. (3 Ayes)
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5/21/2024 was called into motion by Sasse with a second of Werner. (3 Ayes)
5. Public Input: None.
6. Correspondence: a. through c. were not received.
 - a. Northeastern WI Forest Health Update - WI DNR
 - b. Wisconsin Pollinators -
 - c. Wisconsin DNR Info- (1) 6/3/2024 (June Is Invasive Species- Action Month)
 - d. Informational Handouts from 2024 WAA/ WI DNR Urban Forestry Conference will be received by members @ the July meeting
7. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a. Future Tree Planting Areas– Werner noted that Pecor Street’s south side on the west end is lacking; Sasse is spotting Emerald Ash Borer for the staff; it was noted that some of female Cottonwood are still within the City and need “weeding out”.
 - b. Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page– No additions.
 - c. Sharp Park– Crew continues monitoring and watching for dead trees -which crew cuts up- on the trail: all else within is also on their scope.
 - d. Grants for Buckthorn (2024) Director Bostedt continues to pursue Ken and Amy @ the County. They are online and will inform us when to apply.
 - e. Up-date on Nuisance Trees– Owners continue to be identified and we are sending warning letters with expectations. Two large endangered large ones need removal and two smaller ones.
 - f. Motus Project Bird Friendly Plants– NOTE that entrance and exit natural flower areas have been planted from our Motus Project drawing by former Bird City Coordinator Cordula Vanden Heuvel. These will need crew TLC for a while.
 - g. Up-date on Newly Planted Trees– They are establishing themselves.
8. Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, July 10 @ 8 a.m.
9. Seidl witnessed adjournment @ 8:40 a.m. Sasse summoned second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl