

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Tuesday June 17, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

1.) The Forestry Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sasse @ 8:05 a.m.

2.) Roll Call: Diane Motiff, Tom Sasse, Wendy Spice

Absent: Nick Badendick

3.) **Motiff approved the Agenda as shown, Second by Sasse (3 Ayes)**

6.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 05/20/2025 by Sasse with a Motiff second. (3 Ayes)**

7.) Public Input: Sasse talked about the tree recognition for the Werner's and he will work on this more for the next meeting. Spice also said she could talk to the Historical Society to see if they have any ideas of placement for the tree.

8.) Correspondence:

a.) *Northeastern WI Forest Health Update – WI DNR* (May 2025, 05/23/2025 & June 2025, 06/04/2025) Sasse talked about in the May 2025 article had Arbor Day information in it and the DNR had over 40 events that they gave seedlings to and to potentially looking into that for next years. He also talked about the different fact sheets that were included in it and the different caterpillars. June 2025 article talked about June is evasive species month, also talked about buckthorn and ways to help the spread of that was to cover once cut. Sharpe Park has too much of an area to cover so that wouldn't be a good option and either is the goats as they wouldn't be able to cover much of the area.

b.) *Wisconsin Pollinators* – none.

c.) *Wisconsin DNR Info*- none.

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

a.) *Other City Website Ideas for Forestry Page*– Sasse stated that he did email the pictures over to be added to the website and they will be updated soon.

b.) *Update on Nuisance Trees*– Sasse talked about Cottonwood trees starting to make a mess in the neighborhoods.

c.) *Plant a tree for recognition of Werner/ Activate Program*- Sasse will have a better update for next month's meeting.

d.) *Restructuring our approach to Arbor Day Planting*- Smaller groups for more planting but would have to wait to determine group size once it is known how many students will be involved. Also talked about having to find someone to do the tours going forward with the Werner's moving.

10.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday July 16, 2025 @ 8 a.m.**

11.) **Motiff motioned for adjournment @ 8:36 a.m., Sasse Second (3 Ayes)**

Minutes submitted by
Megan Garrity, Utility Clerk