

## MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday October 15, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Vice Chairman Nick Badendick called the meeting to order @ 8:08 a.m.
  - 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Diane Motiff, Wendy Spice; EXCUSED: Tom Sasse; ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Works & Parks Jeremy Wusterbarth
  - 3.) **Motiff called motion for approval of Agenda; Spice followed with the second. (3 Ayes)**
  - 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 09/10/2025 was presented by Motiff with a second of Spice. (3 Ayes)**
  - 5.) **Public Input:** Spice addressed the Werner memorial tree to be located on the Historical Society property: Wusterbarth assured her that it has been ordered and will eventually find placement: she also hoped for a photo and thank you card to accompany completion with representation of both City Hall and the Historical Society.
    - Seidl gave the Committee the Sept./Oct. 25 *Arbor Day Foundation newsletter* booklet which listed 5 tips for successful fall tree planting: a potential website addition. Superintendent Wusterbarth also will highlight ordinances and present crew work.
    - Wusterbarth noted that the DNR/Urban Forestry Conference has established its agenda for a mid-Feb. 2026 session: he will send out the info to Committee members via email so that it can be read for group agreement of day and selections.
    - Motiff once again addressed the need to keep the City website updated.
  - 6.) **Correspondence:**
    - a.) Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR (September, 2025) Motiff felt that most was review of past information. Seidl will be kept in the issue loop.
    - b.) Wisconsin Pollinators – none.
    - c.) Wisconsin DNR Info- none.
  - 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
    - a.) Update on Nuisance Trees– Wusterbarth and crew keeps the public aware of City tree cutting or homeowner need to remove dead trees. Ash Bore trees have claimed the area and need to be addressed under a citizen’s plan of action.  
Holtwood Campground and City Park Ash trees have once again been marked and will gradually be removed.
    - b.) **2026 Budget Review:** There have been no changes from 2025.
- Motiff issued motion to accept the 2026 Forestry Budget totaling \$4,600 as presented in our paperwork. Spice followed with the second. (3 Ayes)**
- Wusterbarth suggested the Committee consider City Park for the 2026 6th Grade Arbor Day planting. As a secondary activity they can assist in beach cleanup.
  - Four trees by the water tower have been removed: replanting will consume this year’s Budget.
  - We continue to need a City-wide Inventory: Wusterbarth is writing a DNR Grant.
  - Spice addressed the matching Grant awarded to schools: she is anxious to receive paperwork the school needs to complete. Wusterbarth will follow up as the time factor remains important.
- 8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, November 5 OR 12 @ 8 a.m.**
  - 9.) **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 8:45 a.m. Spice witnessed the second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl