

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday November 12, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.

Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Sasse, Chairman, called the meeting to order @ 8:13 a.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Diane Motiff, Wendy Spice
- 3.) **Spice witnessed approval of agenda; Motiff motioned second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/15/2025 was called by Spice with a Motiff second. (4 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: Seidl brought a couple Audubon tips including: 8 actions to protect birds in Oconto; and, Your Cold-Weather Tree Checklist. Also she gave a copy of the recent Oconto County Reporter article “Oconto Marsh is Birders’ Destination for Fall Migrations”.
- 6.) **Correspondence:**
 - a. Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR (November 2025)
 - Increased Tree Mortality Seen As Spongy Moth Outbreak Ends
 - Report Invasive Hemlock Insects This Winter
 - Beware Of Invasive Plants In Your Holiday Décor
 - Take Advantage Of Mild Winter Days To Prune Trees
 - Stumping Heterobasidion Root Disease With Cellu-Treat®
 - Facts About Pine Webworm
 - b. Wisconsin Pollinators – none. **Since we think the group has ended, we have dropped it from our agenda.**
 - c. Wisconsin DNR Info- none.
 - d. Memorial Tree/ Jeff & Kitty Werner– The Committee signed a Thank You card; hope for a photo in spring, and Wusterbarth’s crew have planted it with winter protective mesh. A recognition will be placed on the City Hall wall.
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**

Nuisance Trees- No new information.
Spice again requested info @ schools for tree grants from Wusterbarth.
- 8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.**

Agenda Items:

 - Arbor Day with the 6th grade in spring: list of rules, themes, where, what, & when WHO will contact the school?
 - Badendick’s contact with Pete Stark (City Park history OR Historic West Main Street Tour) (Jay Merline?)
 - Sasse will check with Wusterbarth: **Tree City USA application process: due Dec. 31st**
 - Info for tree grants @ schools from Wusterbarth (for Spice)
- 9.) **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 8:37 a.m.; Badendick witnessed second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl