

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 8:00 AM  
*Oconto City Hall Council Chambers*

1. Chairman Tom Sasse called the meeting to order @ 8:06 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Diane Motiff, Wendy Spice
3. **Motiff witnessed approval of Agenda; Spice motioned with a second. (4 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 01/13/2026 was called by Motiff with a Spice second. (4 Ayes)**
5. Public Input: Sasse announced that both he and Wusterbarth will be attending the WDNR Conference on Tuesday 2/17/26.
6. Correspondence:

*Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR (February 2026)*

- Funding Lapse Poses Threat to i-Tree
  - When Is The Best Time To Prune Trees?
  - A New, Intuitive Way to Measure Species Diversity
  - Application Deadline March 1 for Federal Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grants
  - Upcoming Trainings
  - Forest Health Annual Report Hot Off the Presses
  - Invasive Species Action Awards Nominations Open
- Issues were discussed according to who read each.

*Wisconsin DNR Info-* none.

*Update on Nuisance Trees* – Superintendent of Public Works, Jeremy Wusterbarth had reported that the crew is working on Holtwood, City Park, Copper Culture, and terrace trees.

7. **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:** Tree Selection: this issue is in connection with the 6th Grade planting celebrating the 2026 Arbor Day. We are selecting trees that will survive our high-water table and will solidify our list @ the March Forestry meeting. The student poster theme is *Create a Legacy: Plant a Tree*. Amy Remington has received the Poster contest updated rules and dates: March 2 - 27, 2026. A representative of the Historical Committee will present the history of the City Park area.
8. Next Meeting Date/Time: **Wednesday, March 18 @ 8a.m.** Agenda Items: WDNR Conference information; Arbor Day tree selection; verification of Arbor Day planting dates
9. **Motiff witnessed adjournment @ 8:39 a.m. Badendick motioned for a second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl