

## MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday June 10, 2026 @ 8:00 A.M.

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; EXCUSED: Wendy Spice; ALSO PRESENT Advisory Member Jeremy Wusterbarth
3. **Sasse called for the election of Chair 3 times with the nomination and acceptance of Tom Sasse as Chairmanship of the Forestry Committee. Motiff made the motion and Badendick closed the nomination and vote. (3 Ayes)**
4. **Election of Vice Chair was called by Sasse 3 times with the nomination and acceptance of Nick Badendick. Motiff closed nomination and vote with a Badendick second. (3 Ayes)**
5. **Motiff motioned for approval of Agenda; Sasse witnessed the second. (M/C)**
6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 04/13/2026 was called by Motiff with a Sasse second. (M/C)**
7. Public Input:
  - Seidl gave the Committee Arbor Day Tips for *Tree Selection Success* and suggested the list be placed as new material on our City website.
  - Updating the Website is ahead, states Wusterbarth, including park information. Wusterbarth plans to P.R. the City for a Citizen Informational meeting to be held in the a.m. and repeated p.m. the same day. A drone view is being taken of all our area parks to be shared.
8. Correspondence:
  - a. Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR (April, 2026)  
Controlling Buckthorn with plants  
Call For Urban Forestry Presentations: Due July 1, 2026  
Community Spotlight: Tree Canopy Cover on Milwaukee School properties  
Tour des Trees 2026  
National Urban and Community Forestry Ten Year Action Plan Survey  
Keep Wildlife Wild: Know what to do if you encounter young wild animals  
Upcoming training and events  
April Celebration of Wisconsin's Forests  
Governor plants seeds of Celebration for Wisconsin's Forests  
Video explains importance of Oak Wilt Prevention  
*Exploding Trees: long-term impacts*  
Salt Spray damage impacts on White Pine  
Jumping Worms a threat to gardens and forests  
Keep Invasive Plants out of spring planting  
Yard Tree Owners, Send in Questions  
(May, 2026)  
Green and Sawyer counties have become the latest additions to Wisconsin's spongy moth quarantine

Fungicide For HRD Treatment is available in smaller size

Japanese Honeysuckle: an invasive perennial vine growing to 80' or longer: June training and events Species Spotlight: Japanese Honeysuckle

Precautions *to prevent tick bites*: Sasse stated that we should use tape and save the tick in case it leads to Lymes. Badendick noted ticks appear to be smaller this year and of different colors.

Campers shouldn't move firewood: invasive species and fungus move too!

By issuing a Governor's Proclamation this week, Gov. Evers has shined a spotlight on Wisconsin's 17 million acres of forestland.

Paul Cigan, WI Dept. of NRFH of Northwest Wisconsin, planned a public discussion for Tuesday, June 30 in Ashland.

(June 2026) Forest Summary Sheets Available For Your Community!

May provides tree health benefits: Motiff felt this a significant *message*. Wusterbarth stated that there have been compliments of City Park, especially. Caroline Young took telling pictures of Arbor Day planting with the 6th graders.

Resources For Storm-Damaged Trees

Free digital American Standards Institute Z133

Cemetery Trees Of Southeast Wisconsin Study Now Available

- b. Wisconsin DNR Info- none.
  - c. Update on Nuisance Trees- Wusterbarth stated that lightning strikes have made their impact on trees this year: 4 need to come down. Ash trees continue to be an issue in the City. In general, we are becoming more aware of dead trees: the City is taking action: there will be a homeowners awareness of both. *Holtwood is being considered for Arbor Day planting 2027.*
9. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
- a. Arbor Day Proclamation– **It was moved by Motiff and seconded by Sasse to send the Arbor Day Proclamation on to Council. (M/C)**
  - b. Werner Tree Dedication– will be up to Spice if the Historical Society wants to recognize it publicly. City Hall will place a leaf on our displayed tree donation.
  - c. Mounting of 6th grade winner Arbor Day posters was completed: all other posters will be placed on the City Hall wall after our July meeting.
10. **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, July 15 @ 8 a.m.**  
Agenda Items: Mounting of 6th grade Arbor Day posters
11. **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 8:33 a.m. Badendick witnessed the second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl