FORESTRY COMMITTEE
Wednesday August 19, 2026 @ 8:00 A.M. Council Chambers

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Sasse @ 8:05 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Diane Motiff, Wendy Spice; Also Present: Advisory Member Jeremy Wusterbarth
3. **Motiff called for approval of Agenda; Badendick moved to a second. (4 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 07/15/2026were placed in motion by Motiff with a Sasse second. (4 Ayes)**
5. Public Input: Seidl passed on the latest Arbor Day Foundation Tree Book: A Greener Tomorrow Starts with You.
   Motiff noted that the 2026 posters are still without sight.
6. Correspondence:
   a.) **Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR (August, 2026) Urban Forestry News–** Committee had a discussion regarding the topics included in this month's newsletter.
   b.) **Wisconsin DNR Info-**
   - Asian long horned beetle (ALB) has not been found in Wisconsin, but early detection is critical to eliminating it from infested areas.
   - **Oak decline** is a complicated forest health issue impacting oak forests in Wisconsin. The **application deadline is Oct. 1, 2026. For more information, visit the DNR's Urban Forestry Grants webpage.**
   - "How old is my tree?"
   - Hardiness zones are shifting, and there is plentiful experimentation underway by Wisconsinites to identify which tree species are appropriate for their location throughout the 21st century.
   - When Can I Prune That Elm Tree?
   - Upcoming Training & Events
   - Public Hearing On Invasive Species Regulations
   - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forest Health team has published two new fact sheets, bringing the total count of its fact sheet offerings to 26.

   c.) **Update on Nuisance Trees**– Superintendent Wusterbarth reported that there are 2 Cottonwoods on Harbor Rd. that residents need to remove. Seidl, as all have observed, spoke of the tents on trees again: Wusterbarth stated we should report where they are and he will see that they are cut and burned.
7. **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
   a.) **Wisconsin DNR 2026-2027 grant application** (Due date Oct. 1) Wusterbarth will fill in the paperwork. It is a money match typically. Holtwood would be a good Arbor Day event with the 6th graders. Badendick suggests we plant a size-variety of trees there. Jeremy stated that we are still anticipating a full tree inventory within a couple years: a grant would be advantageous.
8. **Next Meeting Date/Time**: Wednesday, September 9 @ 8 a.m.
   Agenda Items: Approve the 2027 Budget for Council, August 27 the Committee is asked to show for the Historical Society's dedication of our Jeff and Kitty Werner tree. Update on the 2027 Grant application (due Oct. 1)
9. **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 8:35 a.m. Spice witnessed a second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl