FORESTRY COMMITTEE
Wednesday September 9, 2026 @ 8:00 A.M.
Oconto City Hall Council Chambers

1. Chairman Sasse called the meeting to order @ 8:05 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Nick Badendick, Tom Sasse, Diane Motiff, Wendy Spice; Also Present: Advisory Member Jeremy Wusterbarth
3. **Motiff motioned for approval of Agenda; Spice issued a second. (4 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 08/19/2026 was witnessed by Motiff with a follow-up motion of Spice. (4 Ayes)**
5. Public Input: The Committee thanked Spice for an email video of the Werner tree dedication @ the Beyer Home.

6. Correspondence:

Northeastern WI Forest Health News – WI DNR: Spice spoke of the fall web worm article and suggested that DNR reports that are significant to the Oconto area be made public: Wusterbarth will consider them to be on the WEB or Facebook page as they are getting the most usage.
Wisconsin DNR Info- none.
Update on Nuisance Trees– Notices on obtrusive limbs, and Cottonwood problems have been sent to citizens by Wusterbarth. He will work on a public news release on Ash (and borer) trees in the future as they are extensive and need citizen attention. Spice also mentioned some Ash trees that need to come down on the Beyer Home property. Since the land is County owned Wusterbarth is considering a Grant potential. Possibly new trees could be planted in the spring.

8. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following: The 2027 Budget
Worksheet detail was located in Committee packets. It was noted that not much has changed but Wusterbarth added that a request will be made to carryover $3,700. Wusterbarth is continuing to work on the Citywide Tree Assessment Grant. **Motiff called a motion to approve the 2027 Forestry Budget as presented and discussed. Spice witnessed a second. (M/C)**

9. Next Meeting Date/Time: Monday, October 14 @ 8 a.m.
10. Motiff summoned adjournment @ 8:19 a.m. Spice witnessed second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl