

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

February 19, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Joe Jax (2.1 hrs)

Mike Schendel (2 hrs)

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs)

Nancy Schofield (3 Hrs)

Mike Smith (1 Hrs)

Guests: Richard Henning, Judy Zimmerman, Mary Gale, Cortney Cole, Randy Eide

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording volunteer hours. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. A recommended amendment to the minutes by Nancy Schofield to correct the reference to the bench wood and UW-Stout. A motion was made for approval of the January meeting minutes as amended by Mike Schendel, seconded by Nancy Schofield, Motion passed.

Tree Program and Advertising:

- We will use potted plant trees – will not be doing bare root trees
- Continue with website and Facebook for advertising
- Continue the program for at least another year

Arbor Day Tree Program

- Field trip to the gravel bed is out for the school – cost of transportation is \$200.
- Dick Henning to coordinate presentation at school
 - Nancy will contact Ag class and is willing to help with the PowerPoint presentation.
 - Dick to talk to school maintenance staff about planting a tree.
 - We will plan on bare root tree planting
- Bird City Program
 - Mike to get in touch with Marie about a presentation
 - Judy Zimmerman mentioned Blue Bird houses are available if we would like to add those into the program
- Urban Forestry Board Gravel Bed Field Trip
- Award Nominations will be brought up at the next Urban Forestry Board meeting

Items to add to the Agenda:

- Arbor Day (April 24)
 - School presentation
- Gravel Bed Field Trip for Urban Forestry Board
- Award Nominations

Urban Forester Report:

- Pruning
 - Almost complete with North Menomonie, moving to West Menomonie
 - Have had few upset residents, most have been good.
 - Bring up the tree program when residents call with questions?
- Dick Henning briefed the board on his attendance at the conference.

City Council Report:

- Amur Cork Ordinance
 - Bring back to council for approval to add, March 16
 - May take about two sessions for final approval.
- “Program Hope”
- Letter of Intent to work with Ellsworth Creamery
 - 52000sq ft facility in the industrial park
 - Storage, Production and Sales
- March 12 Red Cedar Watershed Conference
 - 8:30-4
 - Sign up through Pam if interested

Public Comments: Judy Zimmerman: Invasives group annual meeting: March 26, 2:00-4:00 at Olde Town

Next Meeting: March 18, 2020, at 2:00pm in the Conference Room.

Submitted by: Cortney Cole