

# Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

October 17, 2018

## **Committee Members Present:**

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)

Bob Giede (3 hrs.)

Mike Schendel (2 hrs.)

Dennis Kropp (6 hrs.)

Eric Sutherland (2 hrs.)

Joe Jax (2 hrs.)

**Others present:** John Johnson, Randy Eide, and Sue Hitz

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording the volunteer hours. Minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made by Cindy Gilberts, and seconded by Bob Giede. Motion carried.

**International Urban Forestry Congress 2018 Vancouver, British Columbia, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2018.** Nancy Schofield gave an amended version of the presentation given at the conference (with Jerry Johnson and Monika Herrmann)-which focused on the Tree Board's role and the benches. She shared a few comments about the conference, major presentations, related tours and how urban forests are handled.

**Cedar Rama Park-The scenic Overlook:** The brushing will be completed in November. **The bubbler:** Dick Henning was not at the meeting to answer if the bubbler was working.

**Lumberjack**-Ready to install. All stained and holes were repaired. Anderson Bridge hasn't finished the base yet.

**Maple Tree:** Hold off as long as possible before cutting the tree to install the lumberjack. We will be replacing the maple tree with an autumn blaze tree and adding another one possibly a honey locust.

**Additional benches**- Continue having U. W Stout students build benches.

**Bench Acknowledgment Signage**-Suggestion-Logos with City and U. W. Stout. Table until next meeting.

**Items to add to the agenda for discussion**-None

**2018-2019 Tree Pruning Schedule**-Finish the North side of town, then to the East side of town. Tree planting will be next week. There was some discussion on if there was a policy of removal of trees. The committee will look into it.

**Park Superintendent Report:** No report. Tree pruning topic was tabled until next meeting.

## **City Council Report:**

- 2019 Budget-There is a special meeting on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Main Street- Blacktopping the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street-About 1 ½ weeks behind

## **Items for next meeting agenda:**

- Nonfunctional bubbler in Cedar Rama Park-Dick Henning
- Update on lumberjack-John Johnson
- Bench Acknowledgment Signage-Nancy Schofield
- Policy of removal of trees-Committee
- Tree pruning in parks-Dick Henning

**Next meeting**-Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, City Hall Conference Room 2 P. M.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dennis Kropp to adjourn and Nancy Schofield seconded the motion. Carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Sue Hitz

