

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

January 16, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Bob Giede (2 hrs.)	Mike Smith (2 hrs.)	Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)
Joe Jax (3.5 hrs.)	Dennis Kropp (1 hr.)	Mike Schendel (3 hrs.)
Eric Sutherland (2 hrs.)	Nancy Schofield (43 hrs./includes 26 for conference)	

Others Present: Randy Eide, Bruce Heath, Dick Henning, 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.

Minutes from the previous meeting were amended. At Cedar-Rama Park the correction should have read-the old maple tree was removed and a new maple tree was replaced. A motion was made by Dennis Kropp to accept the minutes and was seconded by Cindy Gilberts.

Tree Removal & Replacement Policy discussion-There is no set policy. The committee requests that John Johnson draft a policy, then present it to the board for review. After the final review it will be presented to the council. The committee would like to see a draft for the next meeting.

Bench Acknowledgment Signage-Joint Logo (City-Stout) Nancy Schofield showed a draft of a joint logo. Nancy and Bob Giede will work on a sample of the logo. Will have a sample for the next meeting.

Items to add to the Agenda-for discussion only:

- There were 185 volunteer hours for 2018
- Like to discuss a possible training session on trees for the Forestry Board
- Bob Giede presented a copy of the Arbor Day Brochure and thought maybe others would be interested in looking at the Brochure. Copies were made for everyone.

Urban Forester Report: John Johnson was out sick and in his absent Bruce Heath reported. We had two crews pruning. (Douglas Street to Wilson Street at the North end of Menomonie). The second crew was working in the neighborhood where the student rentals are. Today (Jan. 16th) they are working by the Iron Removal Plant and going East. Also working on Main Street on the low grows.

Cutting Trees around deck at Cedar-Rama Park- Bruce will be contacting Expert Tree and Shackleton for price quote on cutting trees around the deck at Cedar-Rama Park.

Park Superintendent Report: Clearance pruning done. Will be finishing Elmwood pruning today (Jan. 16th) Dick would like to attend the Urban Forestry Board Conference in Green Bay. The cost to attend will be around \$500-\$600. A motion was made by Dennis Kropp to have Dick Henning attend the conference in Green Bay and was seconded by Bob Giede. Dick will give a report on the conference.

City Council Report- By Eric Sutherland

The meetings are low keyed right now. Eric Sutherland is running for council in the 3rd Ward and is on the ballot.

Items for the next meeting:

- Policy for tree removal and replacement-discuss draft
- Forestry Board Training
- Report on Urban Forestry Conference-Dick Henning
- Logo Sample for Bench Signage
- Price quote for cutting trees around the deck at Cedar- Rama Park

Next meeting: February 20th, 2 P. M. City Hall conference room

Adjournment: A motion was made by Nancy Schofield and seconded by Dennis Kropp. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by: Sue Hltz