

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

May 15, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Mike Smith (2 hrs.)

Bob Giede (hrs.)

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)

Nancy Schofield (2 hrs.)

Joe Jax (2.5 hrs.)

Mike Schendel (2 hrs.)

Eric Sutherland (hrs.)

Guests: Randy Eide, John Johnson, Sue Hitz, Randy Knaack, and Brad Johnson from WIS DNR. Members of the public were also in attendance.

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 of the previous meeting were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. A motion was made by Cindy Gilberts to accept the minutes of April 17th, and was seconded by Mike Schendel. Motion carried.

Brad Johnson from DNR Forestry Division: Brad introduced himself to the board. Offered his assistance with resources, tree inventory, tree workshops (instruct and discuss), and partnership with the City. The Mayor requested information on a tree park and suggested the City should consider an ordinance to help regulate tree removal on private property.

Lion's Club/DNR request to Drop Select Lake Bank Trees: Kasey with the DNR is available (and will bring a boat) to identify potential trees for this project on June 3 at 1:00 meeting at the Lakeside Boat Landing. The group will report back to the Board at the June 19th meeting.

17th Avenue Landscape Plan Review: The Board reviewed and approved the final landscape plan for The Heights.

Gravel Bed Nursery: A gravel bed nursery is in the process of being built at the City Solid Waste Site. Forty trees have been ordered. Gravel, electricity and water are installed and functioning.

Items to add to the Agenda: None

Urban Forester Report: The updated Tree Removal Policy was presented to the board. A motion to approve the policy was made by Mike Schendel and seconded by Nancy Schofield. Motion carried. Joe Jax will sign the new policy.

Arbor Day (April 26th) Celebration Update: Three classes of 5th graders attended the celebration at Wakanda School. Guest speaker Marie Young spoke about birds and the Hampton was the recipient of the Arbor Day award.

Park Superintendent Report: The TREE planting program is active. There are five citizens that have expressed interest in the planting program this year. Program deadline is June 1st.

City Council Report:

1. 17th Ave Project-Passed

Items for the next meeting:

1. Report on Lake Bank Tree Dropping selection

Fair Booth Application: The entire committee agreed to have John Johnson sign up for a booth in 2019.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2019, 2 P. M. at the Conference Room in City Hall.

Submitted by: Pam Wildner