

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

March 21, 2018

John Anshus (1.5 hrs.)

Mike Schendel (2 hrs.)

Nancy Schofield (1.5 hrs.)

Joe Jax (2 hrs.)

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)

Bob Giede (2 hrs.)

Dennis Kropp (1.5 hrs.)

Others Present: John Johnson, Dick Henning, Bruce Heath, Randy Eide, and Sue Hitz

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. A sign-up sheet was passed around the table and volunteer hours were recorded. Minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed.

Acceptance of Minutes-A motion was made by Dennis Kropp and seconded by Bob Giede. Carried on voice vote.

DNR Closure Update-Financial- The total expenses for the project were \$20,302.87. We were approved for \$9,129.15. We received an acknowledgment from the DNR.

Old Business-A plaque will be placed on the back of the bench that was given to the Leisure Center.

Lumberjack Update-No action yet. Cedar Corp will be contacted by Bruce Heath to get the engineering ideas completed.

Business and Individual Recognition Suggestions for Arbor Day Celebration-The only suggestion that was given was Phillips Medsize. It was unanimously agreed upon that Phillips Medsize should receive the award for the business.

UFB Tree Memorial Stand: The stand is currently at the Leisure Center. The leaves were engraved. Dick Henning will check if the stand could be on display at the library. John Johnson will move it, if they agree. There are some refurbishing on the tree stand and additional leaves that needs to be added. Bob Giede will work on the engraving.

Urban Forester Report- by John Johnson

- Arbor Day Celebration will be on April 27th at 10 A. M. at the River Heights School. Marie Young will talk about birds. Other details of the Celebration will be announced at the next meeting.
- Pruning-More removals in North Menomonie to be removed.
- Emerald Ash Borer Update-Eau Claire has more EAB. There are parasitic wasps available to purchase. They are no sting wasp, size 1/16", but very expensive.
- Fair Booth-The committee was asked about having a booth at the fair this summer. The committee unanimously agreed to have the booth. Topics will be considered at the next meeting. It was also decided that the Memorial Tree Stand should probably be on display in the booth.

Community Foundation: Nancy Schofield will contact the Foundation about having expenses approved by their Board.

Park Superintendent Report-by Dick Henning

- Worked on some tree removals over the last month

City Council Report-by Randy Eide

- Main Street/13th Street-Trees removed for project
- Jarret Creek dredging-will begin after July 4th (approx. 600 yds.)
- Elections-April 3rd (no oppositions)

Items for next agenda: Tree stand, Arbor Day Celebration, Fair Booth Topics, Community Foundation, lumberjack.

Next meeting: April 18th, 2 P. M. at City Hall, Conference Room

Adjournment: Motion by Dennis Kropp to adjourn and seconded by Bob Giede. Minutes submitted by: Sue Hitz

