

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Stoughton, WI

Members Present: Mike Point, Kevin Short, Aaron Mazzone, Dean Tangeman, Fred Hundt & Jim Fitzgibbon

Absent & Excused:

Staff: City Forester John Kemppainen

Guest:

Call to order: Tangeman called to order @ 5:02 PM

- **Communications:**

- *Kemppainen* stated Grand Inspired would like remaining ash lumber – will sell soon.

- **Approval of minutes from January 11th, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Hundt, seconded by Short to approve the minutes. Carried 6-0.

- **January Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:

- Fall/Winter tree trimming continued on larger trees. Tree Wise Men continued trimming in Zone 1 (southwest side of the city)
- Fall/Winter tree trimming was started on smaller trees. City personnel trimmed smaller trees in Zone 1.
- He assisted with multiple snow events in January.
- One city tree was removed in January in the Business Park.
- Nine ordinance violation notices were sent out to residents in January. All were for low branches over roadways.
- Three terrace tree planting applications for new construction were submitted in January, for a total of six trees.

- **OLD BUSINESS: Canopy Cover**

Short was to meet with the Sustainability Committee in January but meeting was cancelled. He will attend next meeting on February 13th. *Tangeman* brought up trees in parks – in need of more planting. He also mentioned cracked tree between pickleball courts and playground at Veterans Park to inspect.

Spring Tree Sale

Kemppainen stated Johnson's Nursery has best variety so far of nurseries looked at. Still need to pick 6-10 species and will need to order soon. *Short, Tangeman & Kemppainen* to meet on February 15th to pick trees and prepare an order – meeting will be held at 5:00pm at Public Works.

- **NEW BUSINESS: Arbor Day Visits:**

Buildings and Grounds supervisor for school district is open to new trees for school properties – *Kemppainen* needs to meet with him to finalize plans. Commission needs to decide which schools to visit – *Kemppainen* will continue to work with Fox Prairie. High School Environmental club could help with handing out trees – *Kemppainen* to reach out to club leader for help.

Motion by Tangeman to move to plant one tree per year at a school in the city – rotate schools; funding to TBD, seconded by Mazzone. Motion carried 6-0

Future Agenda Items:

Arbor Day Celebration Visits - continued
Canopy Coverage – continued
Spring Tree Sale – continued
Stoughton Notable Trees Initiative

Motion by Short, seconded by Mazzone to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted 2/9/23, Jen Wagner - Staff