

## OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Tree Commission of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the: TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON
Date /Time: Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: This meeting will be Held Virtual

Please join the meeting from your computer, laptop or smartphone.

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Members: Kevin Short, Dean Tangeman, Mike Point, Jim Fitzgibbon, Kathy Engelberger, Alder Fred Hundt, Aaron

Mazzone, City Forester John Kemppainen, Director Brett Hebert, and Mayor Tim Swadley

Item#	CALL TO ORDER
1	Communications
2	Approve November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Meeting Minutes
3	Forestry Report – November 2021
Item#	OLD BUSINESS
4	Update on Arbor Day Art show progress (Kathy)
5	Update on tree planting with the schools (John)
Item#	NEW BUSINESS
6	Evaluate and recommend plantings suggested by Saiki Design for the Hwy 51 Round-about Project

### **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: AN EXPANDED MEETING MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday November 11, 2021 @ 5:00 PM Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI

<u>Members Present:</u> Kevin Short, Mike Point, Fred Hundt, Jim Fitzgibbon, Dean Tangeman, Aaron Mazzone & Kathy Engelberger

### **Absent & Excused:**

**<u>Staff:</u>** City Forester John Kemppainen and Admin Asst. Jen Wagner

Guest:

Call to order: Engelberger called to order @ 5:03 PM

### 1) Communications:

- Hundt wanted to take a moment to thank all the Veterans for their service on this Veteran's Day
- Kemppainen stated tree trimming would be starting up next week
- Engelberger stated she recently received an email for the DNR application and it is open until March
- Kemppainen stated he is finalizing recent grant paperwork this week.
- 2) <u>Approval of minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting:</u> Motion by Short, seconded by Mazzone to approve the minutes. Carried 7-0.
- 3) October Forestry Reports: Kemppainen stated:
  - Tree inventory updates continued in October for the area south of US-51 and east of Page St.
     This area will be trimmed this coming winter and trimming is scheduled to start in November or December and continue into the winter.
  - Tree planting preparation was completed for the fall. 90 trees will be planted in the beginning
    of November, with the majority of the trees being planted in front of new homes and
    businesses in Stoughton.
  - The Lead Service Replacement Project was completed by SU. The overall impact to the city's
    tree population was minimal. I was able to work with the contractor on dozens of sites to
    minimize damage to roots and canopies of trees. As a result, we removed no trees during the
    work and I have high hopes that we won't lose any in the future as a direct impact of this work.
  - Multiple residents were notified of code violations for dead/dying/dangerous trees in October.
     Compliance from previous notifications has been mostly good thus far.
- 4) <u>NEW BUSINESS: Discuss past and future Arbor Day events presented to students and free trees.</u>
  <u>Arbor Day Art Show proposal with informational posters:</u>
  - Engelberger proposed the idea of having an Arbor Day Art Show to help promote Arbor Day for next year's event. She has already spoken to the Library about the show to take place sometime mid-March into May. Artists could range from adults to children or we could offer a poster contest with the local Fourth graders. The posters would be informational as well as educational on how to plant trees, types of trees to benefits of trees.

Motion by Hundt, seconded by Mazzone to authorize the Tree Commission to allot \$250.00 for initial expenses associated with the Arbor Day Art Show. Motion carried 7-0

Second motion by Engleberger, seconded by Hundt of the endorsement of the Arbor Day Art Show to take place at the Stoughton Library. Motion carried 7-0

# 5) Future Agenda Items:

• Evaluate and recommend plantings suggested by Saiki Design for the Hwy 51 Round-about Project

Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Hundt to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 11/12/21, Jen Wagner - Staff





# CITY OF STOUGHTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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BRETT HEBERT

Director of Public Works

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To: Brett Hebert

From: John Kemppainen

Date: 12/01/2021

Re: November Forestry Activities Report

- Fall tree trimming began in November with the city's contractor (Tree Wise Men). 180 medium to large trees were trimmed for a total cost of \$16,676. City crews will work on small trees in the same neighborhoods this coming winter.
- Tree planting was completed for the fall. 90 trees were planted in the beginning of November, with the majority of the trees being planted in front of new homes and businesses in Stoughton. Total cost for trees this fall was \$25,470.
- I began the application process for Tree City USA status in November. This year will mark 28 years in the TCU program for the city.
- No residents were notified of code violations for dead/dying/dangerous trees in October.
   Compliance from previous notifications has been mostly good thus far.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kemppainen, C.A. City Forester

# Arbor Day Art Show

To promote the importance of trees in the urban community. Open to all ages and abilities. Sign up at the Public Works Facility to receive art paper for creating your artwork for the show. Painting, drawing, mixed mediums.

**Sponsored by Stoughton Tree Commission**