

## Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Stoughton, WI

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

**Absent & Excused:** Fred Hundt

**Staff:** City Forester John Kemppainen

**Guest:** Dan Buckler – WI DNR

**Call to order:** Tangeman called to order @ 5:01 PM

- **Communications:**

- *Kemppainen* stated tree removal packets went out this week for 2023 removals.
- *Short* stated the WAA Conference in February will have a lot of good discussions and session learning opportunities for members.

- **Approval of minutes from December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Mazzone to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0.

- **December 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 will continue to trim/train smaller trees in Zone 1 throughout the winter.
- He worked with developers on multiple commercial and residential developments which are to begin in early 2023.
- One city tree was removed in November
- No ordinance violation notices were sent out to residents.
- One terrace tree planting application for new construction was submitted in December, for a total of 2 trees.

- **OLD BUSINESS: Canopy Cover**

*Dan Buckler* joined the meeting to educate and help the group with this topic. New assessment should be completed later in 2023 and perhaps the commission waits for new data before discussing goals and outcomes. *Short* will be attending Sustainability Committee meeting next month to discuss collaboration on goals and methods.

### **Spring Tree Sale**

*Short* sent information from Johnson Nursery. *Kemppainen* will look back at 2022 sale information for comparison. February meeting we will need to make a decision on details. *Tangeman* suggested to table this for next month's meeting

- **NEW BUSINESS: Arbor Day Celebration:**

Commission members will pick schools in February and start contacting schools. *Tangeman* suggested to table to next month's meeting with final choice of schools to be made in February.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Arbor Day Celebration Visits  
Canopy Coverage – continued  
Spring Tree Sale - continued

**Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Short to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried 5-0**

**Respectfully submitted 1/17/23, Jen Wagner - Staff**