

**Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 PM**  
**VHybrid Meeting - Stoughton, WI**

**Members Present:** Mike Point, Kevin Short, Aaron Mazzone, Dean Tangeman and Fred Hundt

**Absent & Excused:** Jim Fitzgibbon

**Staff:** City Forester John Kemppainen

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Tangeman called to order @ 5:04 PM

- **Communications:**

- *Kemppainen* stated Jen Wagner will no longer be attending meetings to record minutes.
- *Short* inquired about cancellation policy for the future and try to communicate sooner than later. *Hundt* advised there is no real policy for Committees

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

- **October Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:

- Fall tree planting was completed. 85 trees were planted throughout the city in October, many planted at new homes in Nordic Ridge and on Abel Court.
- The Tree Commission held a lumber sale at the PW facility to try to clean out the existing inventory and make room for the milling of additional lumber in the spring.
- The final curbside brush collection for 2022 was completed in October
- Seven city trees were removed due to poor health in October. This was completed by in-house crews and Jim's Tree Service
- One ordinance violation notice was sent out to residents in October. This notice was for a dead tree near the sidewalk and road on E Main St
- Two terrace tree planting applications for new construction were submitted in September, for a total of 4 trees

- **NEW BUSINESS: Fall wood sale (improvements and continuation):**

Discussion was had about the success of the sale and what improvements could be made. Grand Inspired is a great partner and need to keep that going. Kiln to be completed in spring with milling to commence in late winter.

- **Discuss in more detail about Canopy Cover and how to incorporate it in the City:**

*Short* spoke with DNR Forester Wahl and Anna Healey with Fitchburg regarding this. DNR did assessment of city using 2013 photos and found 27.8% canopy coverage and will do another assessment soon. Stevens Point found 24.5% canopy coverage as well for city while Fitchburg has canopy coverage goals in City Comprehensive Plan; currently at 22% but would like to increase to 30%.

*Short* will send what he has learned so far to the group as well as contact Sustainability Committee for collaboration.

- **Spring Tree Sale:**

There is no need to pursue grants since the Commission has funds. Will need to finalize tree order by end of January; species can be decided in December at meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Canopy Cover  
Spring Tree Sale

**Motion by Short, seconded by Mazzone to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted 11/10/22, Jen Wagner - Staff**