

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14th, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI

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

Absent & Excused: Admin Asst. Jen Wagner

Staff: City Forester John Kemppainen

Guest:

Call to order: Tangeman called to order @ 5:05 PM

- **Communications:**

- *Tangeman* stated the Sustainability Committee will be meeting September 21 at Chorus Public House at 5:30pm.

- **Approval of minutes from August 10th, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Point, seconded by Short to approve the minutes. Carried 6-0.

- **August Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:

- Preparations for fall tree planting have begun. Approximately 80 trees will be planted throughout the city, many will be planted at new homes in Nordic Ridge and on Abel Court.
- Prep work for new boardwalk installation near Coopers Causeway continued in August
- A city-wide brush collection was completed in August
- Road construction projects continued in August. Tree conflicts were not an issue
- Six city trees were removed due to poor health and/or storm in August. This work was completed by Jim's Tree Service
- A tree at 1100 Giles St was scheduled to be removed, but bees within the tree have made removal difficult. Multiple people have been stung multiple times each while working on the tree, despite hiring a pest control service to spray for bees.
- Six ordinance violation notices were sent out to residents in August. Three notices were for dead ash trees, two for trimming low branches over roadways, and one notice for an unapproved raised planter in the street terrace.
- Six terrace tree planting applications for new construction were submitted in July.

- **NEW BUSINESS: Planning for Fall lumber sale:**

Motion by Hundt to hold lumber sale October 15th at 9:00am to 12:00pm with October 22nd as a backup date, seconded by Mazzone. Motion carried 6-0

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

Short discussed canopy cover goals and how we can develop baselines using DNR criteria and looking at other communities. He will look further into this before next meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

Motion by Short, seconded by Fitzgibbon to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 9/15/22, Jen Wagner - Staff