

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Department of Public Works, 2439 County Hwy A, Stoughton

Members Present: Mitch Bergeson, Dean Tangeman, Kevin Short, Mike Point and Sid Boersma

Absent:

Staff: City Forester John Kemppainen and DPW Secretary Vickie Erdahl

Call to order: Bergeson called to order @ 5.03 PM

1) **Communications:**

Kemppainen reported that he had sold more boards (ash, pine & apple) to the High School and that Caity Lucas was returning next week for a second year as forestry intern.

Tangeman requested that a tree (Norway maple) on Madison be checked for poor pruning

Erdahl explained the membership process regarding how members are appointed, length of term and where each member was in their term.

2) **April Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated :

- Began locating for spring tree planting program. 160 trees will be planted
- Attended GIS User Group meeting with consultant to streamline our use of GIS
- Visited multiple elementary schools in town for Arbor Day
- Road Construction tree removals were completed On Monroe Street, Patterson Street, and Lowell Street. Approximately 55 trees were removed so far.
- Brush Collection was completed for the entire city.

3) **Discussion on Wood Cycle Process:** *Kemppainen* stated that himself, Hebert and Senior Center Director McGlynn met and discussed how the monies should be divided from the Senior Center Woodshop as follows: 100% to Tree Comm. Fund for board sales, 75% to Tree Comm / 25% Woodshop for wood shop sales. Tree Commission was in agreement with this split which be entered into the agreement.

Boersma asked that the committee check with Human Resources and the City Attorney regarding the liability coverage from milling on city property. *Kemppainen* will verify how this will work.

Point submitted \$15.00 donated funds for board sales.

Modifications will be implemented to the program and presented at the June meeting then forwarded to the Public Works Comm and City Attorney for approval.

4) **Landscape Ordinance and Hazardous Tree Ordinance:** *Tabled to the June meeting.* Committee requested Kemppainen to review the species on the current Landscape List.

5) **Website Update:** *Kemppainen* stated that *Hebert* had hired an outside consultant to work on the website and more information will be available for the June meeting.

6) **Approval of minutes from April 11, 2019 Meeting:** Motion by Boersma seconded by Short to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0

- 7) **Resident from 116 S Van Buren St – to speak regarding parkrow tree:** *Kayla Fochs* resident @ 116 S Van Buren was unable to attend the meeting however Kemppainen reached out and spoke with her regarding the tree. Kayla had stated that she wanted the tree removed due to the fact that it was ruining her roof (which the tree doesn't reach). Several members of the committee had gone and looked at the tree and agreed that it was in good condition.

Kemppainen stated that the tree was in great shape and only needed trimming.

Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Boersma to support the Foresters decision. Motion carried 5-0.

- 8) **Elect Chair:** Boersma opened nominations. Short nominated, Mitch Bergeson for Chair seconded by Tangeman. Carried: 4-0

- 9) **Elect Vice-Chair:** Boersma opened nominations. Short nominated, Dean Tangeman seconded by Bergeson. Carried 4-0.

- 10) **Future Agenda Items:** Website Update, Wood Cycle Program Finalization, Landscape/Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Boersma seconded by Bergeson to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Respectfully submitted 5/22/19, Vickie Erdahl - Staff