

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM

Ed Overland Room, City Hall, 381 E Main St, Stoughton

Members Present: Mike Point, Nick Yuknis, Kevin Short, Dean Tangeman and Mitch Bergeson

Absent & Excused: Sid Boersma, Bob Kardasz and Director of Public Works Brett Hebert

Guest:

Staff: City Forester John Kemppainen and Street Department Secretary Vickie Erdahl

Call to order: Kemppainen called to order @ 4:40 PM

1) Communications:

Kemppainen stated:

- Trees have been removed for the road construction projects. All these trees will be replaced.
- Ash boards are still drying in the kiln for the boardwalk and this project has been delayed due to wet weather. A Boy Scout Troop will be placing bird houses after the boardwalk has been installed.

2) Forestry Reports: *Kemppainen* stated :

- Spring tree planting has been completed by McKay Nursery.
- Crew currently injecting Ash trees
- A Forestry Intern has been hired. Caitlyn Lucas who attends Stevens Point will intern for the months of July and August.
- River Birch trees planted last fall have not survived so the nursery has replaced the trees (which were under warranty) with State Street Maples.
- Crew has also been getting Mandt Park ready for the fair.

3) Discussion regarding the Wood Inventory Plan/Pricing: *Kemppainen* stated he has been unable to complete the plan due to other work restrictions and that there is a fair amount of stock built up. *Kemppainen* suggested we use the WI Surplus site to sell. This would entail taking pictures and submitting to the site and also setting a time frame for people to pick up the wood. A question arose about letting the people into the barn.

Tangeman stated that he has gentleman in Dousman that is interested in walnut and will send *Kemppainen* the contact info.

Currently the wood is being stored in the upper level of the barn at Race Track Park. The committee stated the wood could be put into mixed bundles of assorted wood then be cataloged. Also it might be better to try a sale this fall so the wood does not need to be moved twice.

Point stated that a former member "Keith Kvalheim" was good at identifying wood. *Point* is going to contact Keith to see if they could visit the barn and sort some of the stock in advance of the Tree Commission meeting

Motion by Bergeson, seconded by Yuknis to hold a future Tree Commission meeting at the Race Track Barn and start a rough inventory of wood stock so the committee has a better understanding to base a discussion on how to proceed.

- 4) **Discussion regarding Arbor Day Event:** *Bergeson, Kemppainen, & Tangeman* all stated that the school visits were good.
- 5) **Discussion for Tree City USA & Growth Award Ideas:** *Bergeson* was unable to complete the spreadsheet as information was needed from *Erdahl* regarding past years. This information will be sent out ASAP.
- 6) **Approval of minutes from April 12, 2018 Meeting:** Motion by *Tangeman* seconded by *Yuknis* to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0.
- 7) **Elect Chair & Vice Chair:** Motion by *Yuknis* to nominate *Bergeson* for Chair, seconded by *Short*. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by *Short* to nominate *Tangeman* for Vice-Chair, seconded by *Yuknis*. Motion carried 5-0.
- 8) **Future Agenda Items:** Meeting Time, Tree Growth Award Plan, Wood Inventory Plan,

Motion by *Tangeman*, seconded by *Point* to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted 6/19/18, *Vickie Erdahl* - Staff