

**Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday November 11, 2021 @ 5:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI**

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

**Absent & Excused:**

**Staff:** City Forester John Kemppainen and Admin Asst. Jen Wagner

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Engelberger called to order @ 5:03 PM

**1) Communications:**

- *Hundt* wanted to take a moment to thank all the Veterans for their service on this Veteran's Day
- *Kemppainen* stated tree trimming would be starting up next week
- *Engelberger* stated she recently received an email for the DNR application and it is open until March
- *Kemppainen* stated he is finalizing recent grant paperwork this week.

**2) Approval of minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting: Motion by Short, seconded by Mazzone to approve the minutes. Carried 7-0.**

**3) October Forestry Reports: *Kemppainen* stated:**

- Tree inventory updates continued in October for the area south of US-51 and east of Page St. This area will be trimmed this coming winter and trimming is scheduled to start in November or December and continue into the winter.
- Tree planting preparation was completed for the fall. 90 trees will be planted in the beginning of November, with the majority of the trees being planted in front of new homes and businesses in Stoughton.
- The Lead Service Replacement Project was completed by SU. The overall impact to the city's tree population was minimal. I was able to work with the contractor on dozens of sites to minimize damage to roots and canopies of trees. As a result, we removed no trees during the work and I have high hopes that we won't lose any in the future as a direct impact of this work.
- Multiple residents were notified of code violations for dead/dying/dangerous trees in October. Compliance from previous notifications has been mostly good thus far.

**4) NEW BUSINESS: Discuss past and future Arbor Day events presented to students and free trees. Arbor Day Art Show proposal with informational posters:**

- *Engelberger* proposed the idea of having an Arbor Day Art Show to help promote Arbor Day for next year's event. She has already spoken to the Library about the show to take place sometime mid-March into May. Artists could range from adults to children or we could offer a poster contest with the local Fourth graders. The posters would be informational as well as educational on how to plant trees, types of trees to benefits of trees.

**Motion by Hundt, seconded by Mazzone to authorize the Tree Commission to allot \$250.00 for initial expenses associated with the Arbor Day Art Show. Motion carried 7-0**

**Second motion by Engleberger, seconded by Hundt of the endorsement of the Arbor Day Art Show to take place at the Stoughton Library. Motion carried 7-0**

**5) Future Agenda Items:**

- Evaluate and recommend plantings suggested by Saiki Design for the Hwy 51 Round-about Project

**Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Hundt to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted 11/12/21, Jen Wagner - Staff**