

**Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI**

**Members Present:** Mike Point, Kevin Short, Aaron Mazzone & Dean Tangeman & Kathy Esch

**Absent & Excused:** Fred Hundt. Jim Fitzgibbon

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

**Guest:**

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

• **Communications:**

- *Kemppainen* stated he received a donation from Urban Wood Network for \$1,700.00 for grant work that he did on a project. The grant will be used as we see to be fit.
- *Kemppainen* stated he sold lumber to Grand Inspired a few times this past month amounting to \$110.00
- *Point* stated that the Arbor Day Art Show set up went well and he was able to check in several times throughout the week for any new possible pieces.
- *Kemppainen* stated that the Kiln was decommissioned and Public Works Department is building a new stationary solar Kiln to be at the Yard waste site.

• **Approval of minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Point, seconded by Mazzone to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0.

• **March Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:

- There was a large storm event on 3/5/22 which resulted in the loss of several trees. A special brush collection event was scheduled because of the storm and 8 days were spent picking up brush. An additional 3-4 days were spent on remediation tree work and removals
- I assisted with snow removal for one storm event in March. Unfortunately, this snow event took place during the cleanup efforts of the wind event on 3/5/22 and slowed the cleanup effort
- Road construction project planning continued in March. Meetings and phone calls with residents who will be impacted by the road projects and subsequent tree removals took up a sizable amount of time.
- No residents were notified of code violations in March.

• **OLD BUSINESS: Update on Tree Planting Sale:**

- *Kemppainen* stated he picked up 25 trees from Wheeler Nursery, each priced at \$22/each and stand 4-6 feet in height. He still needs to pick up trees from McKay and there are already 25 trees planted in the gravel bed that could also be sold; which are much bigger. There are a total of 75 trees that will be available for sale. He suspects there should be a large interest in this, this year due to the March storm we endured. Plant sale is April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to Noon.

• **Update on Arbor Day school meeting:**

*Kemppainen* stated the only school that he heard back from was Fox Prairie so he has a time set up with them to go there on Arbor Day and talk with the kids.

- **NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of meeting day/time for future meetings:**

- *Kemppainen* stated it might be in the best interest of the Commission to change the day so that more are able to attend. Everyone agreed it would be helpful if the meeting was moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month but remain the same time.

**Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Mazzone to move the meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 5:00pm. Motion carried 5-0**

- **Discuss recruitment for new members of Tree Commission:**

*Kemppainen* asked for members to help recruit by word of mouth and Public Works will put some advertising on social media and the website. *Mazzone* also suggested we could make up a flyer for social media and/or hand them out at the Plant Sale.

**Motion by Short, seconded by Mazzone to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0**

**Respectfully submitted 4/15/22, Jen Wagner - Staff**