

## Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI

**Members Present:** Mike Point, Kevin Short, Aaron Mazzone, Jim Fitzgibbon

**Absent & Excused:** Dean Tangeman and Fred Hundt

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

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Short called to order @ 5:07 PM

- **Communications:**
- **Approval of minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Mazzone, seconded by Point to approve the minutes. Carried 4-0.
- **July Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:
  - The trees which were defoliated by moths have recovered nicely. The Forestry Division will monitor the area for egg masses to prevent repeated attacks. Spongy Moth damage was noted in the downtown corridor, on ornamental trees bordering a public parking lot. Further inspection revealed large scale infestation in multiple trees and complete defoliation of two trees. The Forestry Division will monitor these trees for health and take appropriate actions.
  - Prep work was completed on lumber for a new boardwalk installation later this year along the Yahara River
  - City Forester John Kemppainen completed training and testing to become a Certified Pesticide Applicator in the State of WI in July
  - Road construction projects continued in July. Multiple on-site meetings were required for tree and root conflicts with curb and/or sidewalk replacement
  - Fourteen city trees were removed due to poor health and/or storm in July. This work was completed by in-house staff
  - Two terrace tree planting applications for new construction were submitted in July
- **NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of generating more sales for lumber:**

*Kemppainen* stated all the current lumber on hand have been onsite for years and would really like to move it out. Discussion was had that another lumber sale would help and perhaps drastically reduce pricing to help move it out quicker. The Commission agreed a Fall sale should take place, with date to be determined at next month's meeting.
- **Discussion of interaction between other Committees; Sustainable Committee & Rivers and Trails Taskforce:**

This will be tabled again until Tangeman attends a meeting as the request to discuss was brought up by him.
- **Discuss canopy cover:**

*Short* stated it is a great forestry tool that is a good metric to look at the Forrest as a whole. *Kemppainen* will look further into this for more details and discuss at next meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Planning for Fall lumber sale

Discuss in more detail about Canopy Cover and how to incorporate in the City

**Motion by Mazzone, seconded by Point to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted 8/11/22, Jen Wagner - Staff**