

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

Members Present: Mitch Bergeson, Mike Point, Kevin Short, Fred Hundt and Dean Tangeman

Absent & Excused: John Kemppainen

Staff: Public Works Director Brett Hebert and Admin Asst. Jen Wagner

Guest:

Call to order: Bergeson called to order @ 5:04 PM

1) Communications:

- *Hebert* notified Commission that *Kemppainen* broke his arm over the weekend but hopes to be back in the office soon with light duty work
- *Hebert* announced that Tree Wisemen are making good progress and just finished up trimming in section 4 and will be back mid-October
- *Bergeson* met with the Planning Committee to review landscape ordinance and it was approved

2) Approval of minutes from January 14, 2021 Meeting: Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Hundt to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0.

3) OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on 2021 DNR Grant – Outreach and Tree Application: *Bergeson proposed a timeline of events*

- News release about Arbor Day due to Hub last Friday in April
- Trees planted in gravel beds in May
- Pick up dates announced in Tower Times and/or Courier Hub late July to early August
- Trees to be available for pick up in October/November

4) NEW BUSINESS: Draft message for Outreach for Courier Hub:

- *Hebert* prepared a draft ahead of the meeting that was transparent and informative for the residents.

Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Hundt to approve draft for the Courier Hub and be submitted
Motion carried 5-0

5) Discussion on Legacy Tree Program:

- *Bergeson* introduced the idea of starting this program so that residents are more knowledgeable and aware of the large or notable trees throughout the City
- *Tangeman* offered to start to compile a list of large or notable trees by species in the area
- *Hebert* offered this is something we could put on the Public Works website for residents to see as well

Future Agenda Items:

- Form and evaluation process for Tree Application
- List for Legacy Tree Program
- Discuss the possibility for trees in the downtown area

Motion by Hundt seconded by Short to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted 3/12/21, Jen Wagner - Staff