

## Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI

**Members Present:** Kevin Short, Mike Point, Jim Fitzgibbon & Dean Tangeman & Kathy Esch

**Absent & Excused:** Aaron Mazzone, Fred Hundt

**Staff:** City Forester John Kemppainen

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Esch called to order @ 5:04 PM

- **Communications:**

- *Kemppainen* stated Public Works has a new Parks Supervisor that started this week; Mark.
- *Esch* announced that she is leaving Stoughton for Iowa soon and resigning from the Tree Commission
- *Point* stated he is building hangers for the Arbor Day Art Show
- *Kemppainen* stated he will be speaking in Green Bay at the WAA Conference later this month

- **Approval of minutes from January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Point, seconded by Tangeman to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0.

- **November Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:

- Winter tree trimming began in January with the city's contractor (Tree Wise Men) 345 medium to large trees were trimmed for a total cost of \$19,143. City crews will work on small trees in the same neighborhoods in February.
- I assisted with snow removal for multiple storm events in January.
- The Tree Commission is sponsoring an art fair at the public library in celebration of Arbor Day 2022. Kathy Esch has been spearheading the effort.
- I will be speaking on Urban Wood Utilization at the upcoming Wisconsin Arborist Association conference in Green Bay on February 22.
- Spring tree planting planning has begun. I ordered 25 trees for the gravel bed at Public Works for infill trees.
- The Riverfront Project plans were modified and reviewed again with project designers. I provided input into tree planting for public spaces.
- No residents were notified of code violations for dead/dying/dangerous trees in January.

- **OLD BUSINESS: Update on Arbor Day Art show progress:**

- *Esch* stated she anticipates up to 78 pieces submitted and Mike will be helping with setup. Kathy and Mike will be setting up a meeting soon to finalize displays.

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

- *Kemppainen* stated that the trees have been ordered and should be available for pick up in early April. He will pick up them up to avoid delivery charges

- **NEW BUSINESS: Elect a new Chair**

- With filling a new Chair there will also be a vacancy to fill. *Hundt* is Vice Chair and was absent from the meeting.

**Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Short to Table until next month to discuss with Vice Chair.  
Motion carried 5-0**

- **Future Agenda Items:**

**Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Tangeman to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted 2/14/22, Jen Wagner - Staff**