

## Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI

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

**Absent & Excused:**

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

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Esch called to order @ 5:00 PM

- **Communications:**
- **Approval of minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting:** Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Mazzone to approve the minutes. Carried 6-0.
- **November Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:
  - Fall tree trimming was completed in December with the city's contractor. (Tree Wise Men) 180 medium to large trees were trimmed for a total cost of \$16,676. City crews will work on small trees in the same neighborhoods this coming winter.
  - I assisted with snow removal for on storm (2 overnight shifts) in December.
  - I received confirmation of Stoughton's Tree City USA status for 2021.
  - The Tree Commission is working to sponsor an art fair at the public library in celebration of Arbor Day 2022. Kathy Esch (Tree Commission chairperson) has been spearheading the effort.
  - The Riverfront Project plans were reviewed 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 October. Compliance from previous notifications has been mostly good thus far.
- **OLD BUSINESS: Update on Arbor Day Art show progress:**
  - *Esch* has posters printed and art paper at the Library ready to go. The show will be advertised every two weeks on Facebook and she has been handing out posters and receiving quite a bit of interest. She is still working on making sure the Arbor flags are able to be hung at the PD, Library and Public Works building.
- **NEW BUSINESS: Tree Sale**
  - *Kemppainen* spoke to Jay Weiss from Cambridge about how he has handled past tree sales and advised that he typically sells them in #5 containers, orders in advance and then sells on a first come, first served basis. *Kemppainen* also looked into McKay Nursery and found that they do have availability and pricing depends on the species. He thought it would be a good idea to pick 4 to 5 different species. Once these

are determined delivery or pick up could be in April. Any potential profit from this sale would go back into the Tree Commission fund.

**Motion by Hundt, seconded by Mazzone to approve Tree Sale for fundraiser for Tree Commission Spring of 2022. Motion carried 6-0**

• **Future Agenda Items:**

- Propose a list for planting recommendations for Hwy 51 Round-about Project
- Update on Tree Planting Sale

**Motion by Hundt, seconded by Point to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted 1/14/22, Jen Wagner - Staff**