

## Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI

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

**Absent & Excused:** Fred Hundt, Jim Fitzgibbon, Kevin Short

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

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Esch called to order @ 5:01 PM

- **Communications:**

- *Kemppainen* brought up the possibility of changing monthly meeting nights as it seems that some are regularly not able to make it due to work obligations. Since everyone was not here tonight, we can bring up at another meeting for discussion.
- *Tangeman* stated that he has been noticing a lot of gypsy moth egg masses in the surrounding towns however, have not seen much of any in the Stoughton area. He brought up the discussion of how we should relay this to Stoughton residents to be on the lookout and how we can provide information to be proactive in getting rid of them.

- **Approval of minutes from February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Point to approve the minutes. Carried 4-0.

- **February Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:

- Winter tree trimming was completed in February.
- I assisted with snow removal for multiple storm events in February.
- I spoke on Urban Wood Utilization at the Wisconsin Arborist Association conference in Green Bay on February 22.
- Spring tree planting planning continued. I placed an order for 80 trees for spring planting with Weiler Nursery.
- Road construction project planning began in February. I reviewed tree conflicts and began to notify residents of private and public tree removals that will be necessary.
- One resident was notified of code violation for a code violation tree in February. The tree is along a trail near Jackson St and will be removed by Parks staff in order to improve the walking path by the pond.

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

- *Esch* stated so far there are a dozen people that have signed up. If there are not more when the show starts, she has additional artwork to supplement and her and Mike Point will be hanging the artwork next weekend. *Point* mentioned he stopped into the library and there were only 35 sheets of paper left, when it started with 90.

- **Update on Tree Planting Sale:**

- *Kemppainen* asked the Committee if April 30<sup>th</sup> would work for people to volunteer for tree handouts and it was decided that would work with the hours of 9:00am to 12:00pm. He will try to arrange for tree pick up the week before Staff will promote the Tree Sale on the City website as well as social media outlets.
- **NEW BUSINESS: Elect a new Chair**
- *Mazzone* nominated *Tangeman* as Chair and *Tangeman* agreed he'd be willing to do so.

**Motion by Mazzone, seconded by Esch to elect Tangeman as Chair. Motion carried 3-0**

- **Future Agenda Items:**
- Recruit members for the Tree Commission
- Discuss potentially changing the night of the week to have meetings

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

**Respectfully submitted 3/11/22, Jen Wagner - Staff**