



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Tree Commission of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the:
Date /Time:
Location:

TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON

Thursday, April 14th, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

This meeting will be Held Virtual

Please join the meeting from your computer, laptop or smartphone.

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Members: Kevin Short, Dean Tangeman, Mike Point, Jim Fitzgibbon, Kathy Engelberger, Alder Fred Hundt, Aaron Mazzone, City Forester John Kempainen, Director Brett Hebert, and Mayor Tim Swadley

Item # CALL TO ORDER

- 1 Communications
- 2 Approve March 10th, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 3 Forestry Report – March 2022

Item # OLD BUSINESS

- 4 Update on Tree Planting Sale

Item # NEW BUSINESS

- 5 Discussion of meeting day/time for future meetings
- 6 Discuss recruitment for new members of Tree Commission

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: AN EXPANDED MEETING MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10th, 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 10th, 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 30th 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.

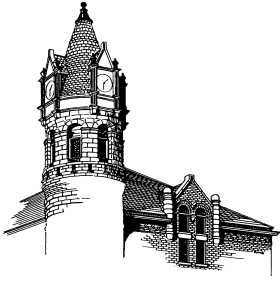
Motion by Mazzone, seconded by Esch to elect Tangeman as Chair. Motion carried 3-0

- **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



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BRETT HEBERT
Director of Public Works
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To: Brett Hebert

From: John Kemppainen

Date: 04/08/2022

Re: March Forestry Activities Report

- There was a large storm even on 03/05/2022 which resulted in the loss of several trees. A special brush collection event was scheduled because of the storm and 8 days were spent picking up brush. An additional 3-4 days was spent on remediation tree work and removals.
- I assisted with snow removal for one storm event in March. Unfortunately, this snow event took place during the cleanup efforts of the wind event on 03/05/22 and slowed the cleanup effort.
- Road construction project planning continued in March. Meetings and phone calls with residents who will be impacted by the road projects and subsequent tree removals took up a sizable amount of time.
- No residents were notified of code violations in March.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kemppainen, C.A.
City Forester