



## 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

**Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**In Person Meeting Will be Held At:**

The Stoughton Public Works Facility, 2439 County Rd A, Stoughton, WI

**Virtual Meeting – Join from your computer, tablet or smartphone:**

<https://meet.goto.com/263312925>

You can also dial in using your phone.

(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

Access Code: 263-312-925

Members:

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

Item #	CALL TO ORDER
1	Communications
2	Approve June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 Meeting Minutes
3	Forestry Report – July 2022

Item #	OLD BUSINESS
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Item #	NEW BUSINESS
4	Discussion on generating more sales for lumber
5	Discussion of interaction between other Committees; Sustainable Committee & Rivers and Trails Taskforce
6	Discuss canopy cover

### Future Agenda Items:

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

## Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI

**Members Present:** Mike Point, Kevin Short, Aaron Mazzone, Jim Fitzgibbon

**Absent & Excused:** Dean Tangeman and Fred Hundt

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

**Guest:**

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

- **Communications:**

- *Kempainen* pointed out he will need *Point's* help with boards again for the new Boardwalk that will be put in.

- **Approval of minutes from June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Point, seconded by Mazzone to approve the minutes. Carried 4-0.

- **June Forestry Reports:** *Kempainen* stated:

- Spongy Moth (formerly "Gypsy Moth) damage was noted in the downtown corridor, on ornamental trees bordering a public parking lot. Further inspection revealed large scale infestation in multiple trees and complete defoliation of two trees. The Forestry Division will monitor these trees for health and take appropriate actions.
- Road construction projects began in June. Several on site meetings were required for tree and root conflicts with curb and/or sidewalk replacement
- Seven city trees were removed due to poor health and/or storm in June. This work was completed by in-house staff.
- The Forestry Division, along with Brett Hebert, met with Altec Industries to get a quote for a new aerial truck for tree work. The current truck is 20 years old and nearing the end of its useful life. The new truck will hopefully be delivered in 2023.
- Five terrace tree planting applications for new construction were submitted in June
- The Forestry Division summer seasonal employee, Camren Conklin, started in June. Unfortunately, he also left in June for another position elsewhere.

- **NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of Tiny Tree Program:**

A short discussion was had that the Stoughton may not be big enough for this type of program that and everyone was in agreement that the tree sale seems to be enjoyed by residents and generates good sales. No need for action at this time.

- **Discussion about bringing back in person/hybrid meetings:**

A short discussion was had that bringing back the option for in person meetings would be beneficial. It was decided that next month will be a hybrid meeting; that way people have the option for either/or

- **Discuss possible policy on Black Walnut Trees in park rows:**

*Short* inquired about how many Walnut trees were in the City to see if it was pertinent to implement a City policy. *Kempainen* stated that there are about 40 throughout the City and has only had a handful of

issues come up in the last few years. *Short* brought up a discussion about possibly using a chemical called Snipper that de-flowers the trees so that they do not produce the walnuts. After looking into cost, how much was needed and the damage that would be done to the tree it was decided that with the low number of trees and very few complaints this tactic would not be necessary at this time as well as introducing a specific policy.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Discussion on generating more sales for lumber

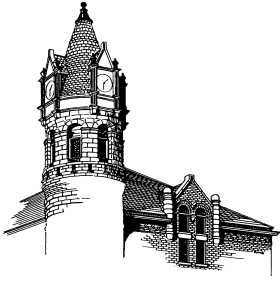
Discussion of interaction between other Committees; Sustainable Committee & Rivers and Trails Taskforce

Discuss Canopy Cover

**Motion by Mazzone, seconded by Point to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted 7/14/22, Jen Wagner - Staff**

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BRETT HEBERT  
*Director of Public Works*  
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To: Brett Hebert

From: John Kemppainen

Date: 08/09/2022

Re: July Forestry Activities Report

- UPDATE: The trees which were defoliated by moths have recovered nicely. The Forestry Division will monitor the area for egg masses to prevent repeated attacks. Spongy Moth (formerly "Gypsy Moth") damage was noted in the downtown corridor, on ornamental trees bordering a public parking lot. Further inspection revealed large scale infestation in multiple trees and complete defoliation of two trees. The Forestry Division will monitor these trees for health and take appropriate actions.
- Prep work was completed on lumber for a new boardwalk installation later this year along the Yahara River.
- City Forester John Kemppainen completed training and testing to become a Certified Pesticide Applicator in the State of WI in July.
- Road construction projects continued in July. Multiple on site meetings were required for tree and root conflicts with curb and/or sidewalk replacement.
- Fourteen (14) city trees were removed due to poor health and/or storm in July. This work was completed by in-house staff.
- Two (2) terrace tree planting applications for new construction were submitted in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kemppainen, C.A.  
City Forester