



# 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, July 13th, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**This meeting will be Held Virtual**

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

<https://meet.goto.com/428724021>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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

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Access Code: 428-724-021

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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 3 Forestry Report – June 2022

### Item # OLD BUSINESS

### Item # NEW BUSINESS

- 4 Tiny Tree Program Discussion
- 5 Discussion about bringing back in person/hybrid meetings
- 6 Discuss possible policy on Black Walnut Trees in park rows

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

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

### ADJOURNMENT

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

**Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI**

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

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

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

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Short called to order @ 5:03 PM

• **Communications:**

- *Esch* stated she found a really nice program where she is residing now in Iowa. It is called Tiny Trees Program and they give away 5 free trees/person. They are bare roots which makes for easy planting and it comes with instructions on how to plant. She thought this could be an idea for the Stoughton area as well.
- *Kemppainen* stated that we are still looking for two more members for this Tree Commission
- *Esch* wanted to thank Mike for wrapping up the Art Show while she moved and was out of town.
- *Kemppainen* stated he was contacted by a Resident about a healthy Black Walnut tree that is on their terrace. They stated it is a nuisance and would like it to be removed.

• **Approval of minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Motion by Point, seconded by Mazzone to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0.

• **May Forestry Reports:** *Kemppainen* stated:

- Spring tree planting planning was completed in May. 90 trees were planted this spring around the City.
- The first Arbor Day Art Show concluded in May. Former tree commission member, Kathy Esch, spearheaded the effort, which was held at the Stoughton Public Library.
- Five city trees were removed due to poor health and/or storm in May. This work was completed by Jim's Tree Service.
- Public Works crews removed 27 stumps in April and May from previous removals.
- Five terrace tree planting applications for new construction were submitted in May, all in the Nordic Ridge subdivision.

• **NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of interaction between other Committees such as the Sustainable Committee and Rivers & Trails Taskforce:**

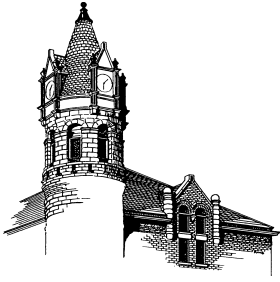
*Short* stated we should discuss this when the Chair, *Tangeman* is present for the meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:**

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Discuss possible policy on Black Walnut Trees in park rows  
Discussion of interaction between other Committees; Sustainable Committee & Rivers and Trails Taskforce

Respectfully submitted 6/9/22, Jen Wagner - Staff

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BRETT HEBERT  
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To: Brett Hebert

From: John Kemppainen

Date: 07/11/2022

Re: June Forestry Activities Report

- 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 begun in June. Several on site meetings were required for tree and root conflicts with curb and/or sidewalk replacement.
- Seven (7) 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 (5) 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kemppainen, C.A.  
City Forester