



## OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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

Meeting of the:  
Date /Time:  
Location:  
Members:

### TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON

**Thursday, April 8th, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**This meeting will be Held Virtual**

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

[meet.google.com/kyv-ijww-jvw](https://meet.google.com/kyv-ijww-jvw)

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

Item #	CALL TO ORDER
1	Communications
2	Approve March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Minutes
3	Forestry Report – March 2021

Item #	OLD BUSINESS
4	Discussion on 2021 DNR Grant – Form & Evaluation for Tree Application

Item #	NEW BUSINESS
5	List for Legacy Tree Program
6	Future Agenda Items

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cc:

Mayor Tim Swadley, Council Members, Leadership Teams, City Clerk – Holly Licht, Sarah Monette, Matthew Dregne, City Attorney, Sean Grady, Judi Krebs, [stoughtonreporter@wcinet.com](mailto:stoughtonreporter@wcinet.com) [stoughtoneditor@wcinet.com](mailto:stoughtoneditor@wcinet.com)  
WI State Journal / Capital Times

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

**Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday March 11, 2021 @ 5:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting - Stoughton, WI**

**Members Present:** Mitch Bergeson, Mike Point, Kevin Short, Fred Hundt and Dean Tangeman

**Absent & Excused:** John Kempainen

**Staff:** Public Works Director Brett Hebert and Admin Asst. Jen Wagner

**Guest:**

**Call to order:** Bergeson called to order @ 5:04 PM

**1) Communications:**

- *Hebert* notified Commission that *Kempainen* broke his arm over the weekend but hopes to be back in the office soon with light duty work
- *Hebert* announced that Tree Wisemen are making good progress and just finished up trimming in section 4 and will be back mid-October
- *Bergeson* met with the Planning Committee to review landscape ordinance and it was approved

**2) Approval of minutes from January 14, 2021 Meeting: Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Hundt to approve the minutes. Carried 5-0.**

**3) OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on 2021 DNR Grant – Outreach and Tree Application: *Bergeson* proposed a timeline of events**

- News release about Arbor Day due to Hub last Friday in April
- Trees planted in gravel beds in May
- Pick up dates announced in Tower Times and/or Courier Hub late July to early August
- Trees to be available for pick up in October/November

**4) NEW BUSINESS: Draft message for Outreach for Courier Hub:**

- *Hebert* prepared a draft ahead of the meeting that was transparent and informative for the residents.

**Motion by Tangeman, seconded by Hundt to approve draft for the Courier Hub and be submitted**  
**Motion carried 5-0**

**5) Discussion on Legacy Tree Program:**

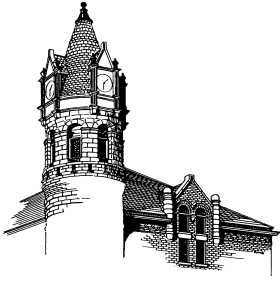
- *Bergeson* introduced the idea of starting this program so that residents are more knowledgeable and aware of the large or notable trees throughout the City
- *Tangeman* offered to start to compile a list of large or notable trees by species in the area
- *Hebert* offered this is something we could put on the Public Works website for residents to see as well

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Form and evaluation process for Tree Application
- List for Legacy Tree Program
- Discuss the possibility for trees in the downtown area

**Motion by Hundt seconded by Short to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted 3/12/21, Jen Wagner - Staff**

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

From: John Kemppainen

Date: 04/02/2021

Re: March Forestry Activities Report

- Preparation for spring tree planting began in March.
- I worked with Brian Wahl from the WIDNR regarding a tree root/sidewalk study that we are partnering on in Stoughton.
- I attended the last of the weekly meetings of the Woody/Ornamentals Species Advisory Group for the DNR Invasive Species Council. These meetings are being held to review currently regulated trees and shrubs under NR40, and also to assess new species to add to the regulated list.
- Tree trimming was concluded in March. Tree Wise Men was contracted for the year to trim larger trees while smaller trees were trimmed by in-house personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kemppainen, C.A.  
City Forester

# City of Stoughton Canopy Restoration Project

The City of Stoughton Public Works Department Forestry Division, along with the Stoughton Tree Commission was awarded a matching fund grant through the Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Program. This grant was pursued to help residents replace trees on private property that were removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation that has killed thousands of ash trees in the city's urban forest.

The City of Stoughton just finished replacing over 900 trees that were removed due to EAB on city properties, but there are hundreds of trees on private property that were removed but may still need replacing. This project will provide residents of the City of Stoughton with free bare root trees to be planted on private property. Ultimately, the primary goal of the program is to replenish the Urban Forest canopy in response to EAB tree loss on private property.

The City contributed about \$2,000 from funds raised by the sale of lumber from city trees through the City's Urban Wood Utilization Program. These funds were matched by the DNR grant to purchase forty (40) trees of four (4) species (see below) for the Urban Forest Canopy Enhancement Project. These bare root trees were purchased in the spring of 2021, will be grown out in a gravel bed throughout the summer months to improve root structure, and will be ready for planting in the fall of 2021. Bare root trees have higher survivability, improved root structure and are much easier to plant than balled and burlap (B&B) trees.

Three shade trees and one ornamental tree species are available:



American Linden



Quaking Aspen



Hackberry



Serviceberry

**Detailed species information provided on the back.**

### **American Linden 'Redmond' (*Tilia americana*)**

Commonly called American Basswood, 'Redmond' is a dense, pyramidal cultivar that has a pyramidal form in youth, maturing into a striking specimen with an upright, oval canopy and a tall, straight trunk. Has more upright branching than the non-cultivar linden species.

- Height of 50-80' and a spread of 30-45'. Medium growth rate of 12" to 24" per year.
- Sun Preference: Full sun and partial shade, a minimum of four hours of sunlight each day.
- Creamy yellow flowers in hanging clusters (5 to 10 flowers per cluster) in early summer. Very fragrant.
- Heart-shaped leaves from 4 to 8 inches long. Summer color is dark green above and lighter green on the lower surface. Fall color pale yellow.

### **Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)**

The Quaking Aspen ~~that~~ is pyramidal and narrow when young, but develops a characteristic rounded top at maturity. This tree will grow in a wide range of soils. Dark-green foliage turns golden-yellow in fall. Leaves "tremble", even in light winds, creating a very distinctive and pleasant sound.

- Height of 40–50' and a spread of 20–30'. Fast growth rate of more than 24" per year.
- Sun Preference: Full sun and partial shade, a minimum of four hours of sunlight each day.
- Provides stunning yellow fall color.
- Has smooth, greenish-white to cream bark on a long, narrow trunk.

### **Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)**

The Common Hackberry tree grows in windy exposed locations and in poorer soils. This tree has a wonderful bright and cheery yellow fall color to it. This tree is excellent for both street and specimen plantings in the landscape. It's relatively pest free. Its purple fruit will attract birds, but can also be slightly messy and stain porous surfaces.

- Height of 40–60' and a spread of 40–60'. Medium to fast growth rate of 13" to 24+" per year.
- Sun Preference: Full sun is ideal, at least six hours of direct sunlight each day.
- Small, dark red berries that turn dark purple in mid-autumn and persist into the winter.
- Forms characteristic corky ridges and warts on trunk and branches.
- Develops a broad crown with arching branches that resembles the elm.

### **Autumn Brilliance® Serviceberry (*Amelanchier × grandiflora*)**

The Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry is an excellent, smaller tree with multi-season interest. It has very showy white flowers in April followed by purplish edible fruit in June. The excellent glossy blue-green leaves turn brilliant red-orange in fall complimented by smooth gray colored stems.

- Height of 20–25' and a spread of 15' at maturity.
- Sun Preference: full sun to partial shade.
- Berries resemble blueberries in taste and may be used in jams, jellies and pies.
- Great plant for bird gardens (birds love the berries)!

## City of Stoughton Canopy Restoration Project 2021 Bare Root Tree Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (**required**) \_\_\_\_\_

Species Available
Common Hackberry (native shade tree; fast growing)
“Redmond” Linden (native shade tree; fast growing)
Quaking Aspen (native shade tree; fast growing)
Serviceberry (ornamental flowering tree; edible fruit)

Application Due: July 31, 2021
Email to: <a href="mailto:jkemppainen@ci.stoughton.wi.us">jkemppainen@ci.stoughton.wi.us</a> Or Mail to: John Kemppainen City of Stoughton 2439 County Hwy A Stoughton WI 53589

Please indicate a first and second choice for your new tree. Quantities are limited; in the event that neither of your choices are available you will be contacted for an alternate selection. The City of Stoughton will make every effort to accommodate each request, but it is possible that we will receive more applications than the number of trees we can offer. The Tree Commission will evaluate each application to assure sites are suitable for tree planting (i.e. available canopy space, sunlight...)

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lost a tree on your property due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to plant this tree on my City of Stoughton property, and that it cannot be transferred to another person/property: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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