

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Ed Overland Room, City Hall, 381 E Main St, Stoughton

Members Present: Sid Boersma, Kendall McBroom (via phone), John Archer, Kevin Short, Dave Moyer, and Randy Nelson

Absent & Excused: Robert Kardasz

Staff: Street Department Secretary Vickie Erdahl

Guests: Twink Jan-McMahon – Wisconsin Urban Wood and Bill Livick – Stoughton Courier Hub

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM by Moyer

- 1) **Communications:** *Moyer* stated that Cummins would be unable to volunteer for events at this time until they have a person to organize groups for safety purposes. Workday for the arboretum was changed to Friday, November 13th from Noon until 3:00 PM. *Erdahl* distributed a flyer on Ash Yellows
- 2) **Forestry Reports:** Committee would like information put into the monthly forestry report regarding the wood supply – amounts available for sale, types and what is in the solar kiln. In the accounting report regarding the tree commission donation fund the committee would like to see a report that is more like a balance sheet and want to see the monies from the beginning.
- 3) **Article for Hub:** *Moyer* submitted an article to the commission to review. *Moyer* will submit the article to the Hub on 12/10/15 and ask for future topics as he would like an article submitted each month.
- 4) **Solar Kiln Discussion:** The committee would like to also guidelines for the use of the solar kiln, have lien waiver developed and for the accounting report that would like to see descriptions to know what the incoming monies are for and to whom the bills are being paid to and why.
- 5) **Triangle Vision Ordinance:** Tabled to January meeting.
- 6) **Arbor Day Ideas:** Tabled to January meeting.
- 7) **Website Information / Suggestions:** Submit to *Erdahl* to be incorporated into the site.
- 8) **Update on Planting Lists/Sec 78-611:** Tabled to January meeting
- 9) **Approval of minutes from November 11, 2015 Meeting:** Motion by Archer, seconded by Short to approve the minutes. Carried 3-0.
- 10) **Urban Forest Products Presentation:** *Twink Jan-McMahon* from the Wisconsin Urban Wood organization spoke about how the organization works and ask if the City of Stoughton would like to partner with the organization in order to utilize our wood to the fullest extent. The cost to join is \$250.00 per year. Meetings are one annual meeting each year and then quarterly. This issue will be placed on the January agenda for further discussion and to decide whether to sign a partnership agreement.

11) **Future Agenda Items:** Triangle Vision Ordinance, Arbor Day Ideas, Planting List Update, Urban Wood Products Partnership

Motion by Archer, seconded by Short to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted 12//15, Vickie Erdahl - Staff