

City of Whitewater Urban Forestry Commission Meeting

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 4:30 PM
Cravath Lakefront Room, 2nd floor City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190**

Agenda

Citizens are invited to speak to agenda items as they appear on the agenda. Participants are allowed a 3 minute speaking period.

Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Approval of Agenda: Items can be removed or changed but not added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2016

Staff Report: City Forester: (Nass)

Planting update:

Tree pruning/maintenance/planting

Construction update

Report and Discussion: Ordinance: 2.52.090 – Urban Forestry Commission

Bird City/Bird Talk: (information and comments)

Woodpecker species: Habits and Habitat (Schoen)

Blue Bird houses on High School Campus (Schoen)

Rotary Gardens invitation (table planning)

Swift Tower Dedication/ Migratory Bird Day

Native Plantings:

Butterfly Garden plans (Stanek)

Tree City/Tree Talk:

Tree Survey and Notable Trees (Zarinnia)

Plan Board: (Stanek)

Parks and Recreation: (Knedler)

Minneiska Park Visit: (reports and considerations)

Hearing citizen comments: No formal action will be taken during this meeting, although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Participants are allowed a 3minute speaking period.

Suggested topics for future meetings.

Adjournment:

Next meeting: April 26, 2016

UFC Minutes: Feb 23, 2016

Meeting called to order:

Present: Karen Coburn, Karen McCulloch, Jerry Schoen, Brandon Knedler

Absent: Teri Smith, Beverly Stone

Staff: Brian Neumeister

Knedler moved agenda item for the woodpecker talk by Schoen to April meeting. McCulloch seconded, passed unanimously.

Knedler moved to approve revised agenda, Coburn seconded, passed unanimously.

Staff Report: Pruning is in progress on James/ Ann/ and Scott Streets. The crew is removing dead and diseased trees. Neumeister handed out a list of ordered trees that are to be planted in spring. Coburn asked for native flowers and grasses to be planted in tree wells.

Coburn reported that the Prairie Bob talk at the Irving Young Memorial Library was excellent and well attended. There were over 35 people in the audience. For anyone interested in purchasing natives seeds from his company, Native Seed Source, Coburn has information.

Stanek reported on the butterfly garden meeting on March 2. She suggested various plantings that might be appropriate for the area. No specific recreation is being planned due to the park's size according to Knedler, Parks and Recreation representative. Widening of the street has to be kept in mind when considering when to plant trees.

Coburn reported that the new Tree Survey will be implemented through Park and Recreation's Survey Monkey on line. Hard copies will be available at the library and City Hall. Notable Tree applications will also be available on line and as hard copies.

Plan Board: no report

Parks and Recreation: Knedler said that the main discussion was budgetary and not relevant to the UFC.

Minneiska Park: Coburn spoke on the need to understand where wheelchair access for the play area was to be placed before tree planting could be decided on. Varieties of canopy trees were discussed for the playground, bike path detention ponds and bike path. It was decided that further discussion was needed.

McCulloch moved to adjourn, Coburn seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Karen McCulloch, Acting Secretary