

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting Minutes
Cravath Lakefront Room 2nd Floor
312 W. Whitewater, St., Whitewater, WI
Jan. 24th, 2022 at 4:30 pm

Call to order: Chairperson Stanek called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

Roll Call: Bill Chandler, Rosemary Leaver, Sherry Stanek, Jim Nies, Carol McCormick, Nick Alt Staff: Brian Neumeister, City Forester.

Hearing of Citizens Comments: Brad Marquart present. None presented

Approval of Agenda: McCormick, 2nd by Chandler, passed

Approval of Minutes of Nov. 22nd , 2021 meeting: Stanek, 2nd McCormick, passed

Treasurer's Report: Leaver, UFC Total \$1,150.56, City Total \$4,650 for AASP

Staff Report: Neumeister

Spring 2022 planting plans; 2022 Street construction plans; Lake drawdown update, Burns at Walton Oaks or Effigy Mounds.

Tree city/Tree Talk:

(Alt) Community Tree Sale: trees are coming from Possibility Place (85 on order) Arboretum tree order, coming from Johnson Nursery, over 150 native trees and shrubs. (Nies) Arbor Day Earth Day event, Tree food, tree sale, April 22nd & 23rd, proposed Senior Center Parking lot within Starin Park.

(Nies) Arbor Day/Earth Day/Arboretum Start/ Tree Sale

Review Tree Sale Poster

Draft on Slack

Need Poster around town

Flyers around businesses around town

Press releases

Advertise at city market

Nies 1st, Chandler 2nd

Make a motion to adopt an oak leaf logo for AASP. This passed.

Bird City: (Stanek)

- Whitewater will renew Bird City for 2022, \$175 renewal cost
- Bird of the year for 2022?
 - o Alt suggested choosing birds that are in great peril currently
 - o Grassland birds like Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink, Grasshopper Sparrow, Yellow headed blackbird could be some to choose from.
- Chandler donates a Purple Martin Poster that he bought for demonstration/education purposes.

Arboretum Report:

- meet to get website updated (AASP) website
- square space platform (Tim Nobling, Eric Boettcher, Jim Nies, Kristen Mickelson & Sherry Stanek)
- Nies discusses with group what should be on Slack AASP.
- Time sheet for volunteers developed, bunch made & others sent electronically, \$15 hr reimbursement by DNR grant for volunteer hours spent on grant eligible work
- Stanek will give a sheet to everyone for voluntary work
- Stanek, Jim Nies, Bill Chandler meeting w/ Generac to discuss donations for AASP.
- Use of curriculum of UW Stevens Point Website/ Leaf Program, Urban Forestry Curriculum for K-12

Items for future Discussion:

- 1.) Places for signage
- 2.) Items to actually go on signage
- 3.) Welcome/Entrance Location
- 4.) Separate open shelter/ Location
- 5.) Develop a full scale micro-climate in smaller scale
- 6.) Update from Wes Enterline on what they are working on (Feb. Meeting)
- 7.) Alt develop a presentation on Why Native trees are important to plant in your yard.

Adjourn: Leaver, 2nd McCormick 6:19pm

Next meeting: Feb. 28th, 2022 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Alt
Secretary, UFC