

**City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Community Room 1st Floor, In person and Virtual
312 W. Whitewater, St., Whitewater, WI
Feb. 28th, 2022 at 4:30 pm**

Call to order: Chairperson Stanek Called the meeting to order at 4:34pm

Roll Call: Bill Chandler, Rosemary Leaver, Sherry Stanek, Jim Nies, Carol McCormick, Patrick Taylor, Nick Alt Staff: Brian Neumeister, City Forester. Guest: Wes Enterline, UWW Sustainability Director

Hearing of Citizens Comments: Wes Enterline, University events discussed: Earth Month April, Diversity Forum Kick off 2:00pm Hamilton room, Tue. April 5th, Wed. 6th Environmental Justice 3:30pm, Thur. 7th 3:30pm Film Highland Inhabitants. Fri. Apr. 8th In Highland room 1300 Mental Health eco-anxiety & environmental grief. Make a difference day Ray Trost area on Arbor Day April 29th to plant trees, Wes use posters for advertising for tree sale, has access to 14 student employees/interns. (UWW Arboretum purpose), activity to support community in some way, way to connect with community, landscape tour, history of campus, First Nations Tony Goulag UWW, Geology Peter Jacobs UWW good presenter.

Approval of Agenda: Taylor, 2nd by McCormick

Approval of Minutes of Jan. 24th, 2022 meeting: Stanek, 2nd McCormick

Treasurer's Report: Leaver, UFC Total \$1,150.56, City Total \$9,900 for AASP, Purple Martin #3 total \$330.

Staff Report: Neumeister

Tree removal letter for 2 ash S. of Starin Rd., trim lakeview, S. Franklin, S. Green St., S. Wisconsin for homeowners. SE Quad of town 5 removals in wires Asplund. We Energies voltage upgrade S. Franklin. Brian will stay in contact with Asplund. Lake Drawdown Start 2nd of Feb. work till March 5th.

Arboretum update: (Stanek)

Review and discussion of initial AASP design proposal and vote; (Stanek & Nies) Website update; Meeting with Generac re: possible sponsorship; Stewardship group discussion; (Alt & Nies) Community tree sale update; Arbor Day/WWBD events update; activities

planning subcommittee; discussion; possible subcommittee to meet mid month as things heat up; (Nies) Gantt chart; volunteer hour worksheet discussion
Accept Proposal for Native Roots to do Landscaping plans for \$1,434.80 Nies, 2nd by McCormick (Unanimous after discussion)

Generac Possible sponsor for the welcome center, Eric Boetcher liked the open pavilion style entrance. Welcome center pavilion/outdoor classroom.

Tree city/Tree Talk: (Stanek)

March; Walton Oaks, Midwest Prairies will mow with forestry mower
Indian Mound going by hand, consolidate and burn.

Community Tree Sale events: Snowy owl picture booth, Bean bag toss Migratory bird, tree foods (nuts, juice etc.), tree ring counting and necklaces, tree/ id quiz, scavenger hunt (Stanek & Nies)

Advertisement ideas for tree sale: City Facebook, Twitter & Youtube, AASP, Banner, Daily Journal

Get 25 Serviceberries for donors

Need names for stewards for AASP; John Katchel sponsorship of Stewardship group?

Adjourn: Taylor, 2nd McCormick 6:29pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Alt
Secretary, UFC