



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Tree Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

3:30 PM

A. Call To Order

- Present** 7 - ADAM HELMINIAK, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT,
ADAM ALVES, MCKINZIE MYSZKA, and MATT NOONE
- Excused** 1 - ALEX MODERHOCK
- Absent** 1 - MARLA EDDY

Also present: Jaedan Festge, Brian Wahl, Lisa Johnson

B. Consideration of Minutes

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Attachments: [2022 MIN-224](#)

A motion was made by MYSZKA, seconded by WEISS, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

C. Discussion Items

1. *Heritage oaks updates Noone contacted Bruce Allison about how trees were measured before. Will be meeting on Tuesday 8/23.*

2. *PSA outreach met in July. Determined two PSAs trunk damage via trimmers and mowers and one spongy moth. Moderhock suggests also send to WORT – under 2 minutes. Reviewed some former discussion on website. Group will review an outline in August for reorganizing that Wyatt is creating. Looking for a more engaging arrangement and landing page should have changing info. More interactive and current tree news (like Heritage Oaks).*

3. *Tree Planting Project*

4. *Budget proposals \$5376 for this calendar year, spent 2000 on PSAs. Tree planting suggested \$1000. Wyatt allocate up to \$2376 for support supplies for tree planting project. Second Noone. Helmiiniak asked to have budget broken down friendly amendment to have a written report out for what was spent. Wyatt and Noone accept the friendly amendment. Wyatt asked for a proposal for Heritage Oaks. Johnson will check with Noone.*

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

Tree canopy group: Two communities are being discussed for fall plantings. A brochure has been produced about the Tree Canopy group and its mission, and a one-page handout on tree planting and care is in the works to distribute at plantings. The Thriving Earth partnership grant has a scientist assigned to the project to advise on creation of a matrix tool for evaluating where to equitably do tree plantings.

Events work group – no update, discussed tree cookie procurement and wood burning our logo into cookies for spring program. Will also need to purchase magnets.

Outreach work group – PSAs on spongy moth and trunk damage were completed and paid for and sent to Audacy for radio broadcast. Johnson will receive a working copy of each from Audacy to approve prior to release.

Policy work group – met and are examining existing policies (NC, Fitchburg, Onalaska, Town of Dunn, low hanging fruit talking to county highway dept. Only can affect Dane County lands but could be a model for municipalities. Spruce from Town of Berry that a citizen had inquired about are Civil War memorials that will be preserved in the coming construction project.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Such other business Helminiak will be resigning over next month. He will be at September meeting and will try to make some suggestions for replacement.

Next month come to table with specific budget for workgroup needs facebook messages add workplan

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by HELMINIAK, seconded by WEISS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval