



# 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?*

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Tuesday, February 21, 2023

3:45 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman  
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room  
Moraine; attend virtually via Zoom.

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See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public  
testimony.

#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 3 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, LAURA WYATT, and MATT NOONE

**Absent** 1 - JAY WEISS

*Also present: Craig Klinke, Lisa Johnson*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

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[MIN-479](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-479](#)

A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by NOONE, that the Minutes be  
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 3-0.

#### C. Discussion Items

*Board vacancies: next time move vacancies from discussion item to action item so a  
formal recommendation for Board membership can be made to forward Cory Rich and  
Craig Klinke to County Exec's office*

*Workplan review month by month workplan month. Missing members, so would like more  
input*

*Arbor Day – joint event with Madison? Discussion of potential things that we can  
purchase to support a program. Klinke says they have 4th or 5th grade students. About  
50 kids. Tree cookie magnets with the Board branding iron logo? Johnson will check on  
what supplies we have on hand.*

**D. Action Items**

*Budget spending: \$4000 is available for 2023. Johnson will have a formal statement on agenda next month in action items. Board reviewed Heritage Oaks spending item from last year re State Cartography office; the Board would like to pursue this. NOONE will reconnect with the SCO.*

**E. Presentations****F. Reports to Committee**

*1. Tree Canopy Collaborative: different sub-groups are pursuing different agendas. There are spring plantings planned for Sun Prairie, Fitchburg is interested and also Monona. The TCC has had input into the Truax Neighborhood development plan. Howard Landsman is working with Urban Tree Alliance (UTA) to partner on other projects. The Community Engagement subgroup has met once and will meet again to hone in on a community to hold a pilot project in with local organizations. The Rissman research project grant for community engagement and heat islands in four Wisconsin cities is going forward.*

*2. Heritage Trees update: Noone and Weiss wrote article, Johnson is reviewing the article and will send it to members and Craig/Cory. Bought cart, buckets, hardware cloth, pots. NOONE volunteered to help find places to plant and store extra acorns and pots.*

*3. Events work group is defunct at the moment until more members join the Board as both members departed.*

*4. Outreach work group -- last meeting in October. WYATT suggested a call to action in the article re Heritage Oaks to get public to help locate and measure trees. WYATT said the group would strategize on working with WORT for free PSAs and shows, meeting 2-28-23 to discuss. WOLX/WMMM PSAs went out for the winter.*

*5. Policy work group met last year to review policies and make suggestions to County Environmental Council.*

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*for now, we are still allowed to do hybrid meetings. As long as someone is in a physical location to welcome in public and/or members at the Fen Oak location if people want to meet at physical site. Will have Fen Oak listed as site going forward. Having just staff is ok, members do not need to physically attend. Dates: Time 3:45-4:45 pm on February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19*

**H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda****I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****J. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by NOONE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval*