



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, September 20, 2022

3:45 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone

A. Call To Order

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

Also present Brian Wahl, Jaedan Festge, Lisa Johnson

B. Consideration of Minutes

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[MIN-291](#)

Attachments: [2022 MIN-291](#)

A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by NOONE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

C. Discussion Items

1. *Board vacancies Full staff is for the Board is nine members. We currently have 7 due to the resignation of ADAM HELMINIAK as well as a pre-existing vacancy from Ed Bartell's resignation. The status of MARLA EDDY'S membership will be resolved by the end of September at which time, the Board may then have 6 members. Requirements for membership are that you must be 18, a County resident and not a current county employee. An online application for membership must be filled out at <https://dane.granicus.com/boards/forms/480/apply/2877591?code=ad4b4773-2fbe-4371-bdaa-6275ea8744bd> . We recommend candidates to the Exec and he recommends them to the full county board, then they have to approve. These would fill terms current terms and could be reappointed. RITT will check re continuing as either virtual and hybrid at the choice of the chair. Johnson will send all Board members the vacancy blurb.*

2. *Heritage Oaks Update: NOONE and Johnson met with Bruce Allison for a history of the project and recommendations. Outreach is occurring on various websites—Noone and Johnson asked if we can update the Tree Board website with the current project information and any inventory additions. NOONE and Johnson have been collecting acorns from Heritage Oaks -- 45-50 gallons of acorns from several oaks. They created a budget proposal. Wahl proposed Heritage Tree Group for homeowners on private property to alert them when acorns will be falling. Might also be some other community engagement events and information. NOONE will forward a blurb to WYATT for the website.*

3. *Tree Planting Project Update: Johnson updated the group that they are working with Sun Prairie to do plantings this fall, and have approached Fitchburg officials re the same. Johnson is going to work with office colleagues and the TC group to do winter community engagement programs in neighborhoods around tree planting sites. The TC group is also looking at a branding change.*

4. *Budget proposals \$2376 RITT will check to see if TB money can be used for food in community engagement projects for tree planting, MOTION to allocate to Heritage Oaks proposal up to \$400 project by MYSZKA, seconded by NOONE. RITT will also check on if can be used for student labor to help with HO outreach contacting private homeowners. Johnson will be growing some of the collected acorns in raised beds up to 2-3 seasons, give to schools, nonprofits, in conjunction with Tree Canopy project. WYATT – suggests incorporating learning experience for kids. A comment notes that there is genetic variation in acorns from any oaks.*

5. *Workplan review postponed till October meeting, Johnson will send out to members for review prior to October meeting*

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

- 1. Tree canopy group already covered*
- 2. Heritage tree budget needs already covered*
- 3. Events work group not met, MYSZKA is currently alone due to HELMINIAK resignation*
- 4. Outreach work group did not meet as did not have quorum, next week meeting will discuss potential PSAs, budget for PSAs and FB message discussion*
- 5. Policy work group looking at existing policies as a source for potential policy recommendations. Is trying to find out what we have jurisdiction over and what we don't. Dane County Highway heads does 'fall rodeo and chainsaw training'. Specialized crews do the work and lead worker should have the skills to do the work the group was concerned is not always being done well. ALVES is looking to get more training for this staff to address these concerns. LWRD director has people researching what Tree Board might have jurisdiction over for policies.*

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*October meeting needs to be rescheduled; Johnson is sending a Doodle poll. Others:
November 22 2022, no December meeting*

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

A motion was made by MYSZKA, seconded by HELMINIAK, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval