



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, November 15, 2022

3:45 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
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phone

A. Call to Order

Present 5 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT, ALEX MODERHOCK,
and MATT NOONE

Absent 1 - MCKINZIE MYSZKA

Also present: Lisa Johnson, Brian Wahl

B. Consideration of Minutes

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[MIN-426](#)

Attachments: [2022 MIN-426](#)

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

C. Discussion Items

1. *Board vacancies Cory Rich was a guest attendee. He has applied for Tree Board membership. He is the Construction and Conservation Manager Operation Fresh Start. The OFS Conservation and Natural Resources Management section has young people of high school age who have disconnected from school do 1000 hours field work at restoration sites and get a high school diploma. Rich supervises the crew supervisors of the participants, but was a crew supervisor himself in the past. Also works with OFS Legacy Program Conservation Academy that helps connect OFS participants with conservation trades. The Urban Forestry Apprenticeship Conservation Academy at Madison College is part of this effort. Vacancies Discussion: WYATT asked if MMSD STEM teachers, commercial arborists or community arborists might be categories of candidates to approach. Rich suggested teacher Connie Allen at Crestwood Elementary school a possibility and Carolyn Byers of Madison Audubon. Wahl will check City of Madison, Weiss will contact Terra from Landscape Design.*

2. *Budget proposals – spending deadline \$3,026 remains. \$400 was already given to Heritage Tree project, and it is being spent. Discussion of possibilities. MOTION by WEISS to do one PSA at \$1000 and send \$1626 to the State Cartography Office to work on Heritage Oaks inventory activities. NOONE seconds. MOTION passes. WYATT suggests the PSA be on oak pruning.*

3. *Workplan review Due to limited remaining discussion time, a MOTION was made to move this topic to the January meeting by NOONE, seconded by WEISS. MOTION passes. Johnson will send the workplan as it currently exists in early January to Board members.*

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. *Tree canopy group: Brochure done, new name of the group is the Tree Canopy Collaborative (TCC). TCC is working with Sun Prairie and Fitchburg in 2023 to identify community organizations in the target areas that can help with private plantings. Sun Prairie has done its public planting already this fall.*
2. *Heritage Oaks update: Allocating \$1626 to State Cartography Office to work on Heritage Tree Inventory activities. NOONE is working with WEISS to write an in-depth article on the project for the website.*
3. *Events work group – has not met, has no members due to resignations*
4. *Outreach work group –Met October 25, discussed PSAs and selected two topics (oak pruning and de-icing salts) for winter, website main menu/audience focus changes and doing PSAs through WORT radio. MODERHOCK will give WYATT contact info for WORT to advance that conversation.*
5. *Policy work group RITT reports the group is focusing on the Dane County Land/Water Resource Management plan, how to preserve forest lands and future-proofing young oaks with protections against development. The group is developing concrete suggestions within the plan. It will bring ideas to full Board to discuss and prioritize and bring back to Hicklin, the director at Land/Water Resources. May lead to a policy change but incorporation into their plan is the fastest way to have an impact.*

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Future meeting items and dates December no meeting, 2023 dates to follow. Plan to get new invitees to come. Johnson will send new dates for 2023.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval