



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, June 21, 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** 5 - ADAM HELMINIAK, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, LAURA WYATT, ALEX
MODERHOCK, and MATT NOONE
- Excused** 1 - JAY WEISS
- Absent** 2 - MCKINZIE MYSZKA, and MARLA EDDY

Also Present: Brian Wahl, Jaedan Festge, Lisa Johnson

B. Consideration of Minutes

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

C. Discussion Items

1. *Heritage Oak Project update* NOONE created a map prototype for heritage oak trees from the 1976/2000 surveys. NOONE met with Veregin (state cartographer), presented a demo of the new map to Wahl, talked to others at DNR. Directions for the map: Three colors for tree status: blue not verified since 2000, green verified and photographed recently, black tree was removed. Click on a verified tree and it has stats on the tree measurements from 1976, 2000, and 2022, whether there is a public or private owner and a picture of the tree. Are other maps to determine when some went down. Tree seed from the verified trees also may be good for state seed genetics collection in Milwaukee. Maybe use tree seed for Plant Dane distribution? Tree Board can support promotion of the project, outreach, seed collection, maybe some measurements. RITT suggested correlating tree addresses with existing Friends groups to verify the trees in their areas, utilizing their public Friends areas and neighborhood connections. Johnson will check to see where the TB measuring tapes are and cost to purchase more. Annual Events/Projects Work Group will discuss an action framework and recommendations with NOONE.

2. *PSA proposed schedule*: transferred to Outreach committee, they will explore it next meeting.

3. *Tree planting project template update*: will address in Tree Canopy group report below.

4. *Update on face to face meetings*: County Board meetings now being held in person but is a virtual option for members and the public. Tree Board expected to continue with virtual meeting till July 15, then more guidance will be forthcoming from County. Can schedule outdoor meetings if desired.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. *Tree Canopy Work Group: WYATT mentioned Facilities Planning and Management Dept of UW has a Sustainability initiative, is well funded and has projects for UW students, will connect them with the Tree Board re the tree canopy work, will copy Johnson. Thriving Earth Partnership researcher also should be connected in with Sustainability. The TCWG is planning a tree planting workshop – for fall Sept-Oct 2022 planting of 400-500 trees on three Saturdays, three events, with Sierra Club participation, Arborist volunteers, Alves is involved, also neighborhood associations, master gardeners, UW-Madison students, etc. Plan is to plant in high priority equity areas with low canopy cover. Donated trees, can be put in private and public space. Seeking a grant to help fund a video or training program to maintain trees (proper planting and pruning). Johnson has some of this available. Invite WEISS to be part of this project. Johnson will send out link to Askay presentation and put in minutes.*

2. *Events Work Group: Meeting in July, will discuss new project with NOONE.*

3. *Outreach Work Group Met in May, discussed audiences and website; can redo menu, but Dane County IT can make the changes, all members attended video of training. WEISS will share the audience hierarchy, will discuss maintenance going forward and also will get PSAs out next Tuesday. Johnson will re-send the PSAs and scripts. Johnson suggested spongy moth as a topic.*

4. *Policy Work Group: Met once, meeting again 6-21-22 after Tree Board meeting. Looking at Madison urban task force report as a model. Priorities to add new trees, replace old trees, equity focus, just starting discussions. WYATT discussed bringing up tree protection as a topic. Johnson will find Maryland policy on tree protection.*

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TREE CANOPY SLC PRESENTATION 6.21.2022 TREE BOARD

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F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

July 19 2022, August 16 2022, Sept 20 2022, October 25 2022, 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 WYATT, seconded by MODERHOCK, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval