



# 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, July 19, 2022

3:45 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 8 - ADAM HELMINIAK, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT,  
ADAM ALVES, ALEX MODERHOCK, MCKINZIE MYSZKA, and MATT NOONE  
**Excused** 1 - MARLA EDDY

*Also Present: Brian Wahl, Lisa Johnson, (WEISS ARRIVED 4:10 PM)*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) JUNE 21 2022 TREE BOARD MIN  
[MIN-150](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-150](#)

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

## C. Discussion Items

1. *Heritage Oak Project update NOONE said the project will be officially listed as a project under the Tree Canopy Working Group. Is working with Johnson on collecting acorns. Annual Events/Projects Work Group also met with NOONE.*
2. *PSA proposed schedule: Outreach committee will be putting together text for two summer PSAs. One is on damage to trees re weed whackers and the second is watering.*
3. *Tree planting project template update: In fall will be planting 400-500 trees that Alves has from donated sources. Johnson mentioned MN tree board equity tool to help overlay need for trees with equity concerns. Johnson will talk to Alves re costs of the planting and any supplies the Tree Board can support with budget funds.*
4. *Update on face to face meetings: RITT said there is no new info but as COVID numbers are rising she suggests continuing to meet virtually for next two months then re-evaluate.*
  1. *Presentations (none scheduled)*

**A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by WEISS, that committee spends \$3000 on 3 PSAs and revisit in September for a 4th be approved with conditions, Friendly amendment BY RITT to remove September and put budget possibilities on next several agendas. Moderhock suggests also sending PSAs to WORT. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

## D. Presentations

## E. Reports to Committee

1. *Tree Canopy Work Group: Group has split into several initiatives. These are being posted on <https://daneclimateaction.org/Initiatives/Tree-Canopy> as they develop. The Thriving Earth Partnership Grant is assigning the work group a new project manager who will link the group with a scientist to develop a matrix for equitably distributing donated trees in areas of greatest canopy need.*
2. *Events Work Group: The group met, went through work group plan and future events. They reviewed the Arbor Day event application, one broken link otherwise good to go for Arbor Day 2023. NOONE met with and talked about Heritage Oaks, need help to find reported trees, verify measurements and locations, use DNR champion trees, utilize neighborhood organizations to get to trees on private property. NOONE has maps up online with a link to verify and measure trees measured in 2000 and to find new trees. They plan to use the map to identify 3 neighborhoods that have the most trees already platted to re-measure and start there.*
3. *Outreach Work Group Committee did not have quorum in June. WEISS emailed the top line menu suggested changes for website with workgroup to make some decisions*
4. *Policy Work Group: Group is reviewing existing local and out of state ordinances on tree preservation with the goal of framing policy for Dane County. Want to preserve trees we can and get new trees planted, affect new construction sites and tree preservation.*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*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 MODERHOCK, seconded by WEISS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

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