



# 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 15, 2022

3:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for  
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phone.

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 10 - MARLA EDDY, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT, ADAM ALVES, JAEDAN FESTGE, BRIAN WAHL, ALEX MODERHOCK, MCKINZIE MYSZKA, and MATT NOONE

**Absent** 1 - ADAM HELMINIAK

#### B. Welcome New Members

*Alex Moderhock, McKinzie Myszka, Matt Noone. Introductions were made.*

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) 01.18.2022 MINUTES  
[MIN-618](#)

**Attachments:** [01.18.2022 TREE BOARD MINUTES](#)

A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by WYATT, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

## D. Action Items

1. *Update: Tree Board vacancies status* Ritt stated the new members Moderhock, Myszka and Noone have been officially approved through the County Board process and are full members. One seat on the Board remains to be filled.

a. *Update on work groups resolution status and discussion item for future meetings* Ritt drafted a resolution to establish the three work groups below. The resolution has passed through Extension Committee and the Environment, Ag and Natural Resources Committee, needs to go through Personnel and Finance still. If it passes, at the next meeting members can choose a work group(s). Chair Ritt will formally appoint members to the work groups. Work Groups typically once a month meeting website

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a. *Tree Board Communications work group* typically once a month meeting website

b. *Tree Board Outreach work group*

c. *Tree Board Policy work group*

3. *Update Approve PSA spending for winter radio ads* WYATT gave background; in the past a portion of the Tree Board budget was allocated to run short radio PSAs, for the public to think about tree related issues: oak wilt, watering during drought, etc. At the end of 2021 the Board had \$1000 left, wanted to spend on PSAs. Due to a meeting scheduling error and misunderstanding of how long 2021 spending could continue, the funds were unspent and did not carry over. RITT crafted a resolution to recover the \$1000 which is proceeding through the County process. If approved, it can be used for PSAs.

## E. Presentations

Mel Askay, of the Dane County Tree Canopy Working Group and the Office Energy and Climate Change in the County Exec's Office presented on the Working Group. In 2020, the Dane County Climate Change Plan was released. One goal of the plan is to preserve and protect existing trees and reforest where possible. The Tree Canopy Working Group has among its goals that access to trees is a human right, and to expand and protect public and private tree canopy using an equity lens for reforestation activities. 2022 planning includes deciding on priorities for 2022, explore funding, explore doing a pilot project, crafting messaging, establishing branding with materials developed, continuing to use mapping to inform decisions. Discussion ensued on how the Tree Board can engage. Discussion included possible policy or ordinance development, potential collaborations in on-the-ground activities, educational outreach and cultivating local partnerships. In March, Noone will present on his mapping work and how it can be used to make decisions. Askay will also attend. Alves has been invited to next month a presentation on equity and tree canopy. Standing item on Tree Board agenda to be 'Dane County Tree Canopy Working Group' report

## F. Reports to Committee

1. *Website training report (Johnson)* Johnson took the training, will need to review video before work can begin. Is finding out if other work group members who are not staff can assist with website maintenance.

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*4. Upcoming meeting dates: March 15 2022, April 19 2022, May 17 2022, Jun 21 2022, July 19 2022, August 16 2022, Sept 20 2022, October 25 2022, November 22 2022, no December meeting*

**H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

**I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**J. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by MYSZKA, seconded by MODERHOCK, that the MEETING be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

*Minutes submitted respectfully by Lisa Johnson*