



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 19, 2023

3:45 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room

Driftless: attend virtually via Zoom

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A. Call To Order

Present 4 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT, and MATT NOONE

Excused 2 - CORY RICH, and CRAIG KLINKE

Also Present: Johnson, Wahl

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) 08.15.2023 MINUTES TREEBOARD POLICY
[MIN-275](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-275](#)

A motion was made by NOONE, seconded by WYATT, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

C. Action Items

a. *Election of new Chair and Vice Chair for Dane County Tree Board*

RITT resigns as Chair.

A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by RITT, that the motion to nominate NOONE as Tree Board Chair, and for himself (WEISS) to be the Vice Chair be approved. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

b. Brainstorm potential goals for Tree Board

Alves ill, not able to attend and lead the discussion. Goals from August meeting were reviewed.

c. Prioritize goals

Discussed but not decided. NOONE and Johnson will work on website. Goal 4 to support County Forester, RITT has done budget amendments before that have been successful. Checked regulations and it is appropriate for the Tree Board to advocate for the County Forester. Dane County will be receiving some IRA funds and the plan is to create LTE positions from those funds. If the Tree Board wants RITT to put forth any budget amendments, this could be done.

A motion was made by NOONE, seconded by WYATT, that the motion for Tree Board wants RITT to put forth any budget amendments be approved. The motion was withdrawn.

Set objectives and timeline for prioritized goals

e. Align goals with mission/vision of DCTB

F. TCC potential outreach project funding for Heritage Trees project and Urban Tree Alliance project Four potential projects were mentioned: Pots and propagation seed boxes for Heritage Trees project, TCC projects (especially support for events), UTA tree planting grant partner or plaques for Heritage trees in public areas. Johnson will send three questions send to the TCC and UTA application how much they want, how will they use it, what will impact be.

A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by WEISS, that the MOTION to allocate \$700 to support growing operation of Heritage Oaks, be approved. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

- a. *Board vacancies: Brodbeck application is in process (Brodbeck is already added to the regular panelist list for meeting invitations). Johnson will invite applicant Toye to attend the October meeting. Klinke has indicated he may have to leave due to continuing schedule conflicts. Hawley application was discontinued as she is moving out of the county. Johnson will approach Brown (City of Madison Forester) for a recommendation if Klinke leaves the Board.*
- b. *Tree Canopy Collaborative: UTA got a Bock Foundation grant to locate Heritage Trees and is applying for a MCF grant. NOONE is creating a tree equity mapping tool that will be ready in a week or so, patterned on the Twin Cities model tool. NOONE created and released a spongy moth crowd source map so the public can report infestations and we can track where hot spots are. There will be a planting event in October at the Alliant Energy Center with AKA and Ecolatino volunteers (and possibly Master Gardeners). The Community Engagement Subgroup is re-evaluating its mission and communication tree in light of trying to support UTA and other organizations and not be duplicating efforts or working at cross purposes.*
- c. *Heritage Tree update: Finished Heritage Oaks (HO) re-inventory of trees inventoried in 2000. NOONE created the first newsletter for Hos, link is here: <https://conta.cc/46hPdQB>. Johnson will forward the link to Tree Board. NOONE suggested an idea about creating 3 HO plaques for neighborhood HOs. WYATT suggests it could be done as part of an Arbor Day celebration. Goals are to foster community engagement (public may be able to nominate trees), draw media attention to the project and the tree specifically and ideally help protect the tree from development and encourage good maintenance. Only on public property? The public is contacting Johnson and asking for HO tree seedlings as this has been advertised several places. In order to be equitable, there needs to be an application process, maximum number of trees per homeowner, a streamlined way to distribute the seedlings. NOONE will present a proposal with projected costs for plaques next meeting.*

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Johnson will send a Doodle poll to choose another October date as this one conflicts with a religious holiday.

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 RITT, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending board approval.