



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Tree Board Policy Work Group

*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, April 16, 2024

3:00 PM

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Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room  
Moraine; attend virtually via Zoom.

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 4 - JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT, CATHY BRODBECK, and BRIAN WAHL

**Excused** 2 - MICHELE RITT, and ADAM ALVES

*Lisa Johnson also present*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) 2.21.2023 MINUTES TREEBOARD POLICY  
[MIN-631](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-631](#)

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

#### C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

*This will be an evolving agreement between board members, that can help our team create an environment in how we communicate and operate. Action-oriented agenda items: "decide, brainstorm, weigh in on" – shift from reporting and information sharing to engaging • Be deliberately engaged • All members of the board feel valued and respected • Permission to be unpolished • Communicate the ask • Hear from everyone • Make new members feel welcome • Follow up on request/tasks (accountable) • Start on time / end on time • Review TB Minutes prior to TB Meetings*

## D. Project & General Updates

*1. Report of Tree Policy Meeting held at Morton Arboretum by Cathy Brodbeck : Discussion about program on developing tree preservation policy including site development requirements, trigger for tree ordinances, tree replacements and removals using case studies of two communities. Education of communities is needed. Enforcement legal ramifications also discussed. For Dane County, determine biggest challenges and obstacles, bring players together, build a framework and budget. Will only affect county lands. Resolutions would be needed. A consultant might be hired to draft the actual verbiage.*

## E. Action Items

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*3:00-3:45PM May 21st 2024*

## 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 BRODBECK, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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