



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, March 16, 2021

3:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 7 - ED BARTELL, MARLA EDDY, ADAM HELMINIAK, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, KEVIN SHORT, JAY WEISS, and LAURA WYATT

Absent 1 - ERNIE PEARSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-509](#)

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Attachments: [2020 MIN-509](#)

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

C. Action Items

1. Plan for Facilitating Education Opportunities for School in Lieu of Arbor Day; Wyatt contacted Mary Goonan new member of Madison School Forest (MSF), did not have a lot to share re her experience. FOSF have been involved in managing land adjacent to the School Forest. Second contact did not respond. On DNR site forestry education resources, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/education/forests> has 5 sections to use in classroom: LEAF, Project Learning Tree and other types of curriculum. Madison School Forest info too, there are tours as well. Suggests linking to DNR site for teachers part of the Tree Board website. EDDY mentioned a capstone project by UW students on MSF. WAHL DNR does not manage the MSF. There were grants at one point for School Forests, these were dismantled about 5 years ago. BARTELL suggested promoting these resources to schools. WYATT expressed concern that MSF/natural areas management may not have resources due to loss of mill tax. RITT suggests school staff does not have capacity right now to receive this info. Board could compile a list and not send till 2022. Could also look at Arbor Day Foundation <https://www.arborday.org/celebrate/educational-resources.cfm> and Morton Arboretum. Johnson suggested Tree Board host an online Arbor Day week planting talk will work with BARTELL. WAHL suggested using NextDoor etc. as a way to promote some family friendly activities for Arbor Day. MOTION to let BARTELL and Johnson make a social media post on educational and Arbor Day in early April. WYATT, second by SHORT. MOTION passes.

A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by SHORT, that the MOTION to let BARTELL and Johnson make a social media post on educational and Arbor Day in early April be approved. The motion carried 7-0.

2. Board Vacancy Suggestions and Recommendations: WYATT said maybe someone at Parks has a diverse community member who might be interested. Jolene Stinson or Darrin Marsh might be able to make a recommendation. Johnson reached out to WAHL, who did not have diverse candidates to suggest. She reached out to Dr. Laura Jull as well and is awaiting a response. BARTELL also reached out to PEARSON re continued membership on the Board.

3. Planning for Paul Rusk Memorial Tree Planting: RITT said on Sunday April 21 a few core people are meeting to talk about what to start to planning an outdoor memorial with a tree or bench. She will have more info after that. Will hinge on when Rusk's mother from California can attend.

4. Review and Update Annual Work Plan: Due to COVID Arbor Day plans are delayed. Any changes or additions? Discussion about anything that needs to change for 2021 other than postponing Arbor Day. Are moving some events to online. BARTELL will update the dates and amend for what has been done and planned so far and bring to next meeting.

5. Potential Grant Projects for 2022: Any project suggestions? BARTELL has 4 opportunities for 2022. HELMINIAK mentioned it is hard to think beyond COVID right now to what will come beyond.

1. DNR matching grant up \$25,000 due October 1.
2. Natural Resources Foundation of WI Go Outside Fund for kids: App due 3/31 6/30 9/30 12/31 Up to \$500
3. Alliant Impact Grant: App due anytime, will reply within 30 days after review of proposal. They like projects or events and environmental stewardship is one of their goals. Up to \$3000
4. ATC grant is \$1000. No info online available at this time.

Is it a good idea to pursue grants at this time? WYATT asks about needing a vision. WAHL suggests a project called Dane County School Reforestation Planting Projects, at smaller school districts that have lost canopy due to EAB that might be wanting trees. Can also use County funding. Helminiak suggested checking with ALVES to see if Parks had any projects they need a partner for. BARTELL will check into some opportunities.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Updates on Educational Online Programs for Public in Collaboration with 1000 Friends: Planting Diversity WEISS did a nice job. Paul Schwabe will be presenting on Fruit Trees March 25.
2. Media Updates on PSAs, NextDoor Posts: Impressions, Comments, Responses, etc. PSA on oaks ran, 50 repetitions at 3 stations, spent \$1000. WEISS heard it on WMMM. Johnson mentioned a contact with someone who can do filming potentially for possible blogs and short videos.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Upcoming meeting dates: April 20, 2021, May 18, 2021, June 15, 2021, July 27, 2021, August 17, 2021, September 14, 2021, October 19, 2021, November 16, 2021, December 21, 2021.
2. Friends of the Forest Recognition Program
3. Website
4. Board vacancies
5. Rusk memorial
6. BARTELL presents updated work plan

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 EDDY, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson pending committee approval