



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, May 18, 2021

3:45 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Also Present: Lisa Johnson, Brian Wahl

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

A motion was made by SHORT, seconded by EDDY, that the Minutes be
approved. The motion carried 7-0

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C. Action Items

1. Board Vacancy Suggestions and Recommendations

2. Review and Update Annual Work Plan: HELMINIAK and Johnson met and made suggested changes.
Johnson will email new suggestions to everyone so they can be discussed next meeting. Members
should look at them so they can be discussed and changed/adopted next meeting.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Updates on Educational Online Programs for Public in Collaboration with 1000 Friends: BARTELL
reported one more webinar left, May 20 August Hoppe on tree insects. 1000 Friends has completed their
requirements for the WI DNR grant. Lenocho is moving to California, and 1000 Friends will not be doing
any work with trees in the future, so our partnership with the group is now concluded. BARTELL will have
stats for next meeting on the 1000 Friends partnership talks to evaluate the remote learning model.

2. Plan for Facilitating Education Opportunities for Schools: WYATT talked about previous attempt to reach school forest administrators. Project Learning Tree, Morton Arboretum for teachers to get materials and resources, LEAF, WI DNR also had materials for teachers. BARTELL suggested that Education Work Group look into links for teachers. This was in reference to Arbor Day activities other than the in-person event.

3. Website: Johnson needs to send out a Doodle to the workgroup WEISS, BARTELL, Johnson, HELMINIAK to set up a meeting.

4. Planning for Paul Rusk Memorial Tree Planting: RITT gave a report last meeting, the memorial tree is now planted, ALVES said it will be leafed out for the Sept 4 event, Paul Rusk Legacy Fund is in place as a Go Fund Me. The Fund will be used to install a memorial bench and plaque at Warner Park and plant the oak tree on Lake View Hill. Going forward, the fund will support scholarships for students on Madison's Northside.

5. Potential Grant Projects

1. Discuss Girl Scout Tree Planting, Nature Conservancy, State of WI Evers plan to plant 75 million trees :Grants Working Group BARTELL, RITT, and HELMINIAK met. They discussed putting a call out for groups in the county that might be interested in partnering, but were concerned there might be more interest than the Tree Board budget could handle. They are now looking at 'Friends' groups that might already have projects that would want to collaborate with the County and the Tree Board. HELMINIAK will contact ALVES re what County has going. Working group will report out next month on outreach efforts. It was decided by the Work Group that grant applications would not necessarily be an annual requirement for the Tree Board.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Upcoming meeting dates: 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

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

WYATT mentioned learning of a City of Madison program about what to do if a homeowner has an issue with a neighbor's hazardous tree on private land threatens their property. The homeowner can contact the Building Inspection Department, they come out and look at it and this triggers the Madison City Forestry Dept. to come out and assess the tree. If the offending neighbor does not take the hazardous tree down in a few days, Madison City Forestry Dept. will do that and bill them. WYATT congratulated EDDY on the smooth and expeditious success of this system.

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by EDDY, seconded by WYATT, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 7-0.

Minutes respectfully Submitted by Lisa Johnson