



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?

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

4:00 PM

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

This meeting will start at 4:00 pm or when the TreeBoard adjourns, whichever is later.

A. Call To Order

Present 3 - Lead Member MICHELE RITT, MATT NOONE, and ALEX MODERHOCK

Also present: Lisa Johnson, Brian Wahl

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022
MIN-417](#)

10.26.2022 MINUTES TREEBOARD POLICY

Attachments: [2022 MIN-417](#)

A motion was made by MODERHOCK, seconded by NOONE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 3-0.

C. Discussion Items

a. Tree preservation/planting ideas: NOONE asked what section of the Dance County Parks and Open Space Plan we should concentrate on or do all?

b. Policy ideas next steps discussion: Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan being revised this winter. Dane County Land and Water Resource Management Plan will be renewed in 2028 but no revisions are planned. This plan affects about 91,000 acres. Page 12 of the plan, Woodland Resources shows approximately 91,832 acres, or 11.5%, of the total land area of the county that is classified as woodlands. The county owns and manages 187 acres of land designated as "County Forest" land, including Morton Forest and Scheidegger Forest. Dane County forests have the potential to become excellent outdoor classrooms for people of all ages to learn about forest ecology, vegetation management practices, and the wildlife that use these areas.

c. Discussion: Do we want to start future proofing oaks at the 2 forest sites with the Open Space Plan? Recommend for inclusion specific goals for future proofing and new land that we acquire. Need another forester position to accomplish these goals; RITT will pursue funding for this.

d. Wahl input from 5 year plan is great and needs to be reformatted. RITT will work on that before next meeting. Each member should review and see if anything should be added.

D. Presentations**E. Reports to Committee****F. Future Meeting Items and Dates****G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda****H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****I. Adjourn**

A motion was made by NOONE, seconded by MODERHOCK, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending council approval