



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, April 20, 2021

3:30 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

Other Present: Chip Thompson and Lisa Johnson

Present 5 - ED BARTELL, MARLA EDDY, ADAM HELMINIAK, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, and
KEVIN SHORT

Excused 2 - JAY WEISS, and LAURA WYATT

B. Consideration of Minutes

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

C. Action Items

1. Board Vacancy Suggestions and Recommendations: Pearson has resigned, he will send Johnson a letter, formalizing that. Johnson will send one to him to thanks him for his service. Correll resigned several months ago, so there are two Board vacancies. Johnson and Bartell contacted more than three persons in the urban forestry/landscaping industry attempting to find more diverse candidates but had no luck. Ritt asked if candidates need to be 18. Eddy wondered if Exec's office has an application from anyone on file or has a suggestion. Johnson will check with Exec's office to see if anyone applied. Abe Lenocho from 1000 Friends of WI had expressed interest, Bartell will pursue that.

2. Review and Update Annual Work Plan: Bartell edited the plan, added info on grants, items generally not changed. He edited through 2022 as major activities in 2021 have already passed. Johnson and Helminiak will review changes for 2022. If they need to change any activities to better reflect mission or upcoming events, they bring changes to next meeting.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Updates on Educational Online Programs for Public in Collaboration with 1000 Friends
2. Plan for Facilitating Education Opportunities for Schools in Lieu of Arbor Day: Wyatt not here to report. Bartell reported Johnson is giving an online talk on April 28, 6:30-8 pm, advertised on Next Door, MGVs, Dane County Ext FB and webpage, 1000 Friends.
3. Board Vacancy Suggestions and Recommendations: item duplicated, remove
4. Planning for Paul Rusk Memorial Tree Planting: Ritt reported she met with Alves, will plant a memorial oak tree in Lakeview Hill Park, no date but sometime in next 3 weeks to coincide with the Northside News publication schedule. Anyone can attend, but it is not being publicized much as no official program is planned. However, Northside News will cover it and use it to advertise a formal autumn memorial in September. The fall event will include a visit to the tree and a ceremony at Warner Park shelter, maybe refreshments, possibly a bench, and info on the Paul Rusk Legacy Fund, a scholarship program, that will support a concept Paul was passionate about and will be given to community members, alternating adult and youth recipients annually.
5. Potential Grant Projects: DNR grants available. Helminiak said Wahl had suggested a grant to assist getting kids to school forest, what barriers exist, how to facilitate. Helminiak mentioned transportation, maybe a grant for 2022 or 2023. Helminiak, Bartell and Ritt will work on, will ask Wahl for further input. Bartell checking with Alves re grants and Dane County Parks. Board can apply for ATC. Bartell asked if anything else Board wants to do in 2022. Ritt mentioned grant project idea to create an educational coloring book that could be downloadable, and it would have other activities to learn about trees at same time. Would use grant money to hire someone to put together. Johnson mentioned WI School Garden Program, LEAF and education.com as curriculum sources.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Upcoming meeting dates: 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

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by EDDY, seconded by RITT, that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion carried 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson pending committee approval