



# 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?*

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

3:45 PM

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### A Call To Order

- Present** 5 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, and  
Supervisor CATHY BRODBECK
- Absent** 2 - LAURA WYATT, and CRAIG KLINKE

*Also present Brian Wahl, Adam Alves*

### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#)  
[MIN-400](#) 10.23.2023 MINUTES TREEBOARD POLICY

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-400](#)

A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by BRODBECK, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

### C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

*discussion about the need for board members to read previous meeting's minutes prior to meeting. Matt will forward previous meeting's minutes at an earlier time so they can be distributed prior to agenda for next meeting.*

### D. Project Updates

*Matt shared updates on Schank and Frank Allis Tree Planting and progress made at drafting letter for Shorewood Hills swamp white oak. Brodbeck contributed several edits to Shorewood Hills letter and she and Matt agreed to elevate the letter with additional formatting. The letter will be mailed to the appropriate contacts at the Village of Shorewood Hills and the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District.*

## E. Action Items

1) *Goals: General discussion to better share Tree Board mission with other County groups (Parks Commission, Public Works, etc.). Also discussed need to draft a Tree Protection resolution for delivery in 2024. TB members agreed to review discussed goals and send additional goals comments etc. to Matt prior to next TB meeting. Adam shared the following ideas to help tie objectives to stated goals:*

1. *Goal: increase/promote equitable tree canopy Objective: support IRA grant objectives for tree planting.*
2. *Goal: support tree preservation. Objective: Develop tree preservation resolution for county properties, that can be used as a model for other communities*
3. *Goal: Support forestry careers and opportunities. Objective Collaborate with community organizations to support forestry careers. Support county relationships with vocational training programs. Add an advisory Tree Board position for student member.*
4. *Goal: Advocate and support Dane County Forestry. Objective: Advocate for funding levels that meet Tree City USA requirements, \$2 per person in the county*
5. *Goal: Increase education knowledge about trees. Objective: Update website, keep it updated. Objective: Coordinate with communities and TCC on educational materials for children and adults. Objective: Develop a tree related educational network to explore opportunities, and leverage support for tree related education*  
*Adam agrees to update goals and share during December Tree Board meeting.*

2) *Significant Community Tree Program: Tedward Erker not able to attend meeting, no update*

3) *Budget Report and Spending Requirements: Discussion of how to spend the remaining \$1300-1500 tree board funds. Weiss motions to use \$300 to purchase heritage tree seedlings from the DNR nursery in Boscobel, and remainder to purchase tree planting and building materials for additional planting tree bed construction to be used at schools with underserved populations. Brodbeck seconds, motion carries unanimously.*

4) *Arbor Day Discussion: Discussion about Tree Board involvement in Arbor Day celebrations given that other county entities already have this space covered. Brodbeck motions to put Tree Board's Arbor Day application program on hold, and to remove mention of application from Tree Board website. Rich seconds motion, which carries unanimously.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*December 19, 3:45-4:45pm*

## G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

## I. Adjourn

**A motion was made by BRODBECK, seconded by WEISS, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Matt Noone, pending board approval.*