



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, February 20, 2024

3:45 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 7 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT, MATT NOONE, CATHY
BRODBECK, TIERNEY BOCSI, and TEDWARD ERKER

Excused 1 - CORY RICH

Absent 1 - CRAIG KLINKE

a. Also present: Brian Wahl, Lisa Johnson

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) 1.31.2024 MINUTES TREEBOARD POLICY
[MIN-509](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-509](#)

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

C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

D. Project & General Updates

- 1. Recap Workgroup structure. Establish workgroup leads to determine meeting dates, submit agenda 7 days prior to meeting, and submit minutes. There are 2 workgroups, Outreach and Policy. Need a leader for each group, someone to take minutes and a consistent meeting time. Recording is not needed. WYATT will lead Policy and NOONE will lead Outreach.*
- 2. Website access NOONE, ERKER and Johnson have access and have made some changes.*
- 3. Dane County Land & Water Resource, Earth week – Tree give away, April 22nd Dane County LWRD is holding an event at Lussier April 22 to coordinate with their native plant giveaway. Tree Board will be tabling and giving out Heritage Tree saplings. NOONE and ERKER will attend. NOONE will pick up seedlings in Boscobel. Will need plastic bags, a way to keep saplings moist and instructions for the public for planting. BRODBECK related experiences with similar educational materials at Zoo and experience with bareroot saplings.*
- 4. DNR IRA Urban Forestry Grant There will be some sort of Tree Board involvement, yet to be defined.*

E. Action Items

- 1. Outreach Workgroup will be responsible for the Website changes: Board gives Outreach workgroup permission to make changes on websites. WYATT, Johnson and WEISS will send comments on website changes to NOONE.*
- 2. Operation Fresh Start Tree Cage Construction – Tree crib building projects for Heritage Oaks at Shabazz, Thoreau and the Extension office. No price quote yet from RICH to have OFS build the beds. WEISS motions to build 3 cribs not to exceed \$2400 with funds from the Tree Board budget using OFS labor. BRODBECK seconds, MOTION passes with voice vote.*
- 3. Student/Early Career Tree Board Advisor RITT says the Board would need to pass a resolution through the county board to formally change the Board's ordinance to describe and include a non-voting Student/Early Career Tree Board Advisor who could need to be able to get per diem reimbursement. Once written, the resolution must go through corp counsel to approve. However, due to timing such a legal process might take, since it goes through the Exec's office and the county board, it may not work well for a student who is only available for a limited time (semester or two). The Board can invite people to attend as guests without a resolution. The Board would not be obligated to actively fill the position if it does not work out. ERKER motions to start the legislative process with RITT to create a student/early career (within the first 5 years) advisor in an environmental science-related field. WYATT seconds. MOTION passes.*

A motion was made by ERKER, seconded by WYATT, that the motion to start the legislative process with and ERKER and RITT to create a student/early career (within the first 5 years) advisor in an environmental science-related field be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Stipend for Tree Board members attending the "Tree Ordinance Administration Workshop" at Morton Arboretum, April 11th 8am-3:30 pm WEISS motions for compensation up to for \$250 for 2 members to attend and cover registration, travel, hotel, meals. ERKER seconds. MOTION passes with a voice vote. RITT will investigate how to do this.

A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by ERKER, that the motion for compensation up to for \$250 for 2 members to attend and cover registration, travel, hotel, meals be approved. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

3:45-4:45 March 19th 2024
Discuss having a spongy moth mitigation article on website

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

3:45-4:45 March 19th 2024
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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 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Matt Noone, pending board approval