

The Tree Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Steve Bogenschneider.

Members present: Bogenschneider, Kingman, Drewry, Rydstrom, Biedermann and Neu.

Members Absent: None

February 20, 2020 minutes will be assembled for next meeting.

Public Appearances: None.

DPW Supervisors Report:

- 2020 tree planting completed.
- All new trees looking favorable at early stages.
- Tree trimming operations has occurred in spring and early summer.
- 6 Private trees applied and approved under tree program.

Arbor Day Activities:

- Activities in 2020 were limited due to COVID-19 conditions.
- The City web site has an article linked to other sites.
- A news story was printed in the local newspaper.
- A City Proclamation was passed.
- The typical Tree planting event was not attended by the public or the school systems.

2021 Budget:

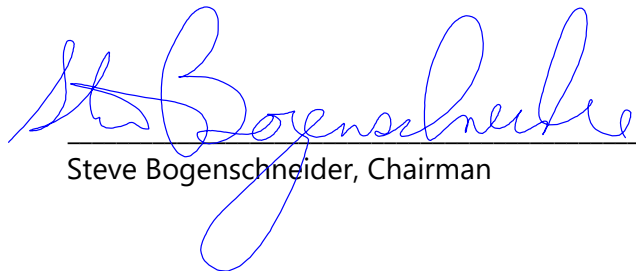
- Kingman presented a draft budget form for consideration and input from Board.
- City staff has taken on additional trimming and 2021 Budget was increased along with removals, which is anticipated to increase due to the progression EAB.
- Final review will be completed at next meeting.

Non-Action Discussion:

- City assistance with private Ash tree removals. Several residents have asked for assistance with removal, or if there is a program to aid in the private expense. Discussion reflected a private payment plan can be investigated further and likely implanted with Clerk Assistance.
- City treatment of infested City tree. Kingman indicated currently Minerva Street address appeared to have beetle infestation in a terrace tree with owner requesting removal or treatment of tree. Tree is healthy otherwise and will not be removed. Board advised beetles usually are present for short duration, and, that traps or spraying can be used if necessary.
- Elm Street location appears to require attention to sidewalk due to tree heaving. DPW to check and remedy.
- Discussion about sidewalk heaving also brought up follow-up descriptions of the value of DPW purchase of stump grinder equipment accessory, and, the use of mud-jacking to remedy these uneven sidewalks.
- City private tree plantings in ROW. Kingman indicated some Owners have wondered if a tree may be planted of their selection in ROW under private tree program. Board made clear that this was not the intent of the program use.
- Bogenschneider indicated after February's meeting, he was able to find and share now information (attached) about native trees in Wisconsin. This can assist with future tree orders.

Set next Meeting Date for September 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion by Biedermann, second by Rydstrom to adjourn Meeting.
All voting Aye. Meeting adjourn at 7:10 p.m.



Steve Bogenschneider, Chairman

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