

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

Members present: Bogenschneider, Kingman, and Biedermann.

Members Absent: Rydstrom, Neu, and Drewry.

Motion by Biedermann, second by, Bogenschneider, to approve July 17, 2020 minutes.  
All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Appearances:

- Resident living at 503 Columbia Street requesting assistance with the removal of an invasive species tree (Black Locust) from adjacent property at 505 Grand Street. Discussion identified Black Locust tree species is listed by WDNR as an invasive species, a former attempt to remove these same trees was not successful, and there may be chemical treatments, or recommended added provisions that would be required to ensure removal. City Forester, Biedermann will meet with the property owner to promote the removal of the trees identified under a private owner's cost.

DPW Supervisors Report:

- 2020 Tree trimming operations completed into the Summer.
- Addition of bucket truck in recent years has facilitated more use of staff to address removals and remaining fall cuttings will proceed within the bet budgeted means.
- Trees planted earlier in 2020 appear to be advancing, however one location on Horicon Street appears to have some trees not successful through the first year.

Motion by Biedermann, second by Bogenschneider, to approve the 2021 draft budget to include additional staff wages to reduce tree trimming contractors, \$4,500.00 in a new tree outlay and \$16,000.00 in removal outlay.  
All voting Aye. Motion carried.

2021 Tree Prices:

- A draft schedule of tree purchases with increased cost for up to 39 trees was presented, focus on native trees, with estimated costs to be included with budgeted amounts. Direct was provided by the Board to proceed wit h budgeted tree purchase amounts, contingent on counts and types of trees furnished in accordance with approved budget.

Motion by Biedermann, second by Bogenschneider, to approve Private Tree planting program application for 409 N. Finch Street location.  
All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Abatement of Public Nuisances:

- Kingman informed the Board there appears to be increased need or abatement of nuisances, as many standing dead ash trees and side yard trees are recently being brought to his attention. Biedermann has begun to evaluate locations, and the methods best suited to achieve these removals as brought to attention. Ongoing efforts will continue to be coordinated with the DPW and be updated at meetings.

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

Motion by Kingman, second by Biedermann to adjourn Meeting.

All voting Aye. Meeting adjourn at 7:48 p.m.



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Steve Bogenschneider, Chairman

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