

Hudson Urban Forestry Board Meeting Minutes
Hudson City Council Chambers
March 21, 2018

Members present: Ken Holman, Tom Zeuli, John Mueller, John Hoggat, Liz Malanaphy, Tim Hall

Members Absent:, Bill Bauman, Starla Enger

Others present: Buck Malick, Katrina Larsen, Judy Taylor, Dave Drewiske

Call to order By Chairman Holman at 6:40 pm

Nov Minutes of Jan 17, 2018 motion to approve by Hoggat second by Hall; Motion carried.

1. Arbor Days-2018

- a. Review of Arbor day flyer
- b. School Arbor Day- Friday April 27, 2:00 PM Willow River Elementary: Holman will confirm with Willow River
- c. Official City Arbor Day- Sat. April 28th 10:00 am-noon: Lakefront Park and Gravel beds.
 - i. Prep work will begin at 8:00 at west garage; board members encouraged to help
 - ii. Tree of the year will be distributed at the Hudson band shell
 - iii. There will be a tree planting training session with trees in band shell park area.
 - iv. Promotion for event will include: HUFB Facebook/ business postings/ schools/ Hudson Home show: HUFB will have a presence at the show to promote HUFB activities and Arbor Day events
 - v. Discussion of creation of video of proper planting techniques and other activities. Hall will make contacts
 - vi. Holman will connect with Rotary for update. Drewiske will follow up to coordinate with Rotary
 - vii. Tree drawing will be established as advertisement and encourage participation in Arbor Day event on 28th.
 - viii. Discussion about planting trees behind band shell, final plan will be developed for plantings

2. 2018 Tree of the Year and Rotary planting initiative:

- a. Tree of the Year update:
- b. Update on Rotary plans for spring-Dave Drewiske: Rotary will be purchasing from Willow River Tree Farm. Order forms will be distributed to each Rotary club. Five species have been identified: Rotary will promote Arbor Day celebration.

3. Tree Trek Updates
 - a. Status of New Historic District Tree Trek: Draft from Willow River School has been received.
 - i. 2017 WUF Council Award; Announcement of the WUF award will take place at city council meeting. Zueli and Malick attended the ceremony in Green Bay to receive the award.
4. Discussion regarding Ash tree removal
 - a. Trade a tree
 - b. Various companies are taking advantage of ash tree to develop products that utilize ash trees
5. 2018 DNR Grant Components
 - a. Volunteer planting and maintenance: Provide training through various opportunities such as Master Naturalist program
 - b. Ash injections/ removal: City Crew is looking for ash trees to remove. 5 year action plan is in process for ash tree removal. Downtown ash trees will be treated again this year. More equipment has been purchased that will increase the amount of trees that can be treated.
 - c. Tree Trek expansion: Students are in process of drafting texts for signs, Willow river School has completed their work.
 - d. Trade a tree neighborhood project: Target high ash neighbors to trade ash trees with other trees. Outreach to citizens is on going to inform them of the program. Part of this program is a preemptive removal of ash trees. Trees that are removed will be replaced with other species. The goal is to have some established trees of variety of species in areas where ash trees are dominant species.
 - e. Inventory Update: Add to inventory, ash trees that are being protected. Goal is 10% protection of public ash trees.
6. Update on fall 2017 Downtown Replacement plantings:
 - a. Flexi Pave Demo spring 2018. There is a process for remotely training personnel for installing.
7. Search for New HUFB chair: Goal to have someone selected by April meeting.
8. Future business:
 - a. Ways to involve more youth in tree planting
 - b. Shade in park areas to shade playground areas
 - c. Protocol for condemning ash trees.
 - d. Tree inspector position as part of public works for monitoring of at risk trees
 - e. Outreach to educate citizen regarding EAB impact on ash trees and choices citizens have in dealing with it.
 - f. Increase outreach on residential ash management
 - g. St. Croix River Front master plan: Once hard structures are in HUFB will have opportunity to give input. Public works and HUFB can work together with other city committees to coordinate all park management.

- h. Review of River Hounds Stadium landscape plans input from HUFB lay out some criteria such as diversity plan
 - i. Carmichael road corridor study input from HUFB
 - i. Soil specs
 - ii. Tree selection
 - j. Expansion of forestry board to include the boundaries of the school district
9. Moved to adjourn by Hoggat, second by Hall, motion carried
10. Next Meeting April 18, 2018; City Council Chambers 6:30 PM Suggestion to meet early to review plantings in lake front park band shell area.