

Hudson Urban Forestry Board Meeting Minutes
Hudson City Council Chambers
April 18, 2018

Members present: Ken Holman, Tom Zeuli, John Mueller, John Hoggatt, Liz Malanaphy, Tim Hall
Starla Enger, Bill Bauman,

Members Absent: none

Call to order By Chairman Holman at 6:32 pm

Minutes of March 21, 2018 motion to approve by Hoggatt second by Hall; Motion carried.

1. Arbor Days-2018
 - a. Review of Arbor day flyer
 - b. School Arbor Day-
 - i. Friday April 27, 3:00 PM Willow River Elementary Auditorium:
 - ii. Program will include tree dedication and tree trek dedication.
 - c. Official City Arbor Day- Sat. April 28th 10:00am-noon: Lakefront Park, Gravel beds.
 - i. Prep work begins 9:00, West Garage; Board members encouraged to help
 - ii. Rotary will be planting trees a Camp St. Croix in the afternoon
 - iii. There will be a tree planting training session with trees in band shell park area in the morning; Hall will look into filming the demonstration
 - iv. Flyers: distributed to businesses, at Earth Day & schools electronically
 - v. Door Prize: Enger will arrange door prize drawing.
 - vi. North Hudson – Zeuli will inquire about their participation in Arbor Day.
2. 2018 Tree of the Year and Rotary planting initiative:
 - a. Tree of the Year update:
 - i. Plan is to plant trees of the year groves around the Lakefront Park band shell area; so far 17 have been ordered.
 - ii. Signage will inform public about Tree of the Year program
 - iii. Tree of the year will be distributed at the band shell
3. Tree Trek Updates
 - a. Status of New Historic District Tree Trek:
 - i. Signs are being printed
 - ii. Willow River School and Trinity have submitted texts for the signs
 - iii. Letter was sent to homeowners where trees exist on private property to gain their permission to place signs on their property

- iv. Zeuli will be locating trees with stakes to facilitate utility location prior to placement of signs
- v. Cable TV follow up: Western Wisconsin Journal interview took place regarding the Tree Trek project. Students from Willow and Trinity, Liz Malanaphy and Ken Holman took part in the interview done by Buck Malick. All reported a very positive experience.

4. 2018 DNR Grant Components

- a. Trade a tree neighborhood project:
 - i. A continuous updating of the inventory of ash trees is being done to maintain an accurate count based on size categories. Cost estimates are being developed for tree removal and reforestation.
 - ii. Outreach is ongoing to inform public about the EAB issue
 - iii. Possibility of tagging ash trees to help in their identification, as part of on-going public outreach
 - iv. Trade a tree program will help implement the EAB Management Plan and the reforestation process adopted by the city.
- 5. Update on fall 2017 Downtown Replacement plantings: Ongoing process of investigating options for increasing permeable area around trees in sidewalk settings.
- 6. Search for HUFB chair (Holman's term scheduled to end in May)
- 7. Future business:
 - a. Involving Rotary in helping with EAB management and urban forestry maintenance
 - b. Biological control of EAB
 - c. Ways to involve more youth in tree planting
 - d. Shade in park areas to shade playground areas
 - e. Protocol for condemning ash trees.
 - f. Tree inspector position as part of Public Works for monitoring of at risk trees
 - g. Outreach to educate citizen regarding EAB impact and choices citizens have in dealing with it.
 - h. Increase outreach on residential ash management
 - i. 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.
 - j. Review of River Hounds Stadium landscape plans, input from HUFB to lay out some criteria such as a tree diversity plan
 - k. Carmichael Road corridor study input from HUFB. The Board will seek to provide input on Soil Specifications and Tree Selection.
 - l. Consider expansion of place of residence requirement to serve on the Urban Forestry Board to include the boundaries of the Hudson School District
 - m. Fulltime Urban Forester hired by city recommendation.

8. Moved to adjourn by Enger, second by Malanaphy, motion carried.

9. Next Meeting May 16, 2018; City Council Chambers 6:30 PM