

**Hudson Urban Forestry Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Hudson City Council Chambers**  
**June 20, 2018**

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

**Members Absent :** Tim Hall

**Others present:** Buck Malik

Call to order By Chairman Holman at 6:35 pm

Minutes of April 18, 2018 motion to approve by Bauman second by Enger; Motion carried.

1. Arbor Days-2018

- a. Review of Arbor Friday April 27 Willow River Elem.
- b. Recommended to continue School Arbor Day event, Possibly North Hudson next Year
- c. School Arbor Day- Planted Tree Lilac in memory of student
  - i. Installed 5 posts as part of the Historic part of Hudson Tree Trek
- d. Official City Arbor Day- Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Tree planting- St. Croix Elms Dedicated Hoggat's Grove- Permanent signage is still in process

2. 2018 DNR Grant Components

- a. Volunteer planting and Maintenance: 119 trees were ordered through the rotary tree planting initiative. Day break planted 12 trees at Camp St. Croix. Also planted some trees in the city dog park.
- b. Tree Trek Updates  
Status of New Historic District Tree Trek: Signs have been printed and some have been installed. Suggestion to contact Willow River Students to offer a summer instillation day to finish installing Willow River signs.  
John M. will contact Willow River school to determine if an email can be sent out to former students of Mr. Reckinger. Suggestion was made to wait until Fall to install tree signs from Trinity and St. Pats. This would allow for more student involvement in the instillation.  
Instillation date needs to be determined.
- c. Tree of the Year update: Approximately 20 trees were sold in 2018. It was suggested to continue to offer two trees, one smaller one larger stature. Suggestion to offer trees that are still available in the gravel bed in the fall for purchase by community members. This may encourage fall planting.
- d. Gravel Bed: School District currently has trees in the gravel bed.

- e. Ash Injections: Have not started yet, but will begin soon. Injections will focus on downtown trees. Will evaluate condition of trees to decide on how to proceed with trees that may need to be removed and replaced.
  - f. Inventory Update: Updated sizes and estimated removal costs of public ash trees. Suggestion to have 5 year budget for EAB. To slow impact it might be valuable to treat more ash trees allowing for a gradual replacement process. Discussion about what a 20 year plan might look like as to long term outlook for Ash tree removal.
  - g. Excel energy line clearance- Instead of just trimming ash trees, they will cut ash trees that show up on the GIS system maps. Suggested to have public outreach to inform citizens as to why the ash trees are coming down.
    - i. Questions to needing to be addressed:
      - 1. Can Excel identify addresses of public trees that will be impacted so homeowners can be contacted?
      - 2. Does Excel have a prior protocol for contacting homeowners that will be affected?
      - 3. Does excel have any funds to help with reforestation?
  - h. Trade a tree neighborhood project:
    - i. Removed 13 ash trees. Decision still to be made to determine if new trees will be planted as replacements.
    - ii. Outreach is ongoing to inform public about the EAB issue and ash tree removal
3. Hudson City Staffing :
- a. HUFB would like to request city to provide the board with staffing options as to public works, parks and urban forestry so HUFB can give input.
4. Update on fall 2017 Downtown Replacement plantings: ongoing process of investigating strategies for increasing permeable area around trees.
5. Hwy 35 project: Communicate to Hwy department regarding reforestation of second street project. Public hearings will take place. Suggested HUFB attend the meeting and make recommendations.
6. Search for HUFB chair (Holman term ends in May): Holman will be contacting members to discuss leadership of HUFB.
7. Future business:
- a. Convene meeting with St. Croix County Cities to discuss collaboration opportunities.
  - b. Contact university of MN to use their air knife using a student who might be interested in gaining experience.
  - c. Plaque for Hoggat's Grove
  - d. Involving Rotary in helping with EAB management and urban forestry maintenance
  - e. Biological control of EAB
  - f. Ways to involve more youth in tree planting

- g. Shade in park areas to shade playground areas
  - h. Protocol for condemning ash trees.
  - i. Tree inspector position as part of public works for monitoring of at risk trees
  - j. Outreach to educate citizen regarding EAB impact on ash trees and choices citizens have in dealing with it.
  - k. 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.
  - l. Review of River Hounds Stadium landscape plans input from HUFB lay out some criteria such as diversity plan
  - m. Carmichael road corridor study input from HUFB
    - i. Soil specs
    - ii. Tree selection
  - n. Expansion of forestry board to include the boundaries of the school district
  - o. Fulltime urban forester hired by city recommendation.
8. Moved to adjourn by Malanaphy , second by Enger, motion carried
9. Next Meeting July18 , 2018; City Council Chambers 6:30 PM