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CITY OF LAKE GENEVA TREE BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 - 4:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; CONFERENCE ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)

Members:

Candy Kirchberg, Sonya Dailey, Clara Jacobs, Mayor Charlene Klein, Alderperson Peg Esposito, and Lisa Campo (pending Council approval February 12, 2024)

AGENDA-AMENDED

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Tree Board minutes from November 7, 2023, as prepared and distributed
4. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
5. Arborist Report: Jon Foster
Winter tree damage, etc
6. Introduction of new Board member - Mayor Klein
7. Downtown tree protectors update: Peg Esposito
8. Hillmoor recommendations discussion: Sonya Dailey
9. Hillmoor Discussion: Peg Esposito
10. Next Meeting Date & Time
11. Adjournment

*This is a meeting of the Tree Board.
No official City Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*

TREE BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 7TH 2023

CALL TO ORDER-

Candy called meeting to order 4pm.

ROLL CALL- Candy Kirchberg Tree Board Chair, Jon Foster the City Forester, Morgan Sheppard, Gera Mendoza, Mayor Klein, Peg Esposito, and Sonya Dailey

Mark Sesselman - Public

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12TH MINUTES

Peg Esposito made motion to except last meeting minutes and the Mayor made the second all remaining members approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-

NONE

ARBORIST REPORT

TREE PLANTING 2023 DISCUSSION-

89 trees planted in parks and on city terraces during the month of October of which 11 were donated, some by residents and 2 trees by Modern Woodmen. The majority were containerized trees, and some were B&B trees. There were 9 B&B 2.5 DBH trees planted downtown in early October and Jon addressed some issues with some of the downtown tree wells being flooded with water and how not filling the wells with woodchips may help them dry out.

SPONGY MOTH DISCUSSION-

Jon Foster City Forester discussed how 12,000.00 plus will be needed; 5,000 for equipment and 7,000 for chemicals for next year to control spongy moths in the city. Golden Pest spray will be used to kill the reachable spongy moth nests from the ground.

Jon requested that we reallocate funds from tree protection guards (15,000.00) to purchase spongy moth chemicals and equipment this year. The Mayor made the motion to reallocate the funds and Peg Esposito seconded and all remaining members voted to approve.

The city website under forestry will be updated to address the public's concern about spongy moth and cicada populations and how citizens can help.

Peg Esposito requested that an expert in plant health care be brought in to address the City Council in February over effective treatment plans and the products used to combat spongy moth and other pests that affect the urban forest. Jon Foster the City Forester said he would contact a representative expert for that purpose.

TREE PROTECTION UPDATE-

Jon Foster City Forester discussed how larger diameter B&B trees planted in the downtown tree rings could help stop some of the vandalism, and how tree guards could still be used to further ensure protection against vandalism. Money would have to be requested for the tree guards in 2024.

Peg Esposito discussed using Palmer Hamilton LLC of Elkhorns apprentice program to build tree protection guards for the downtown trees. The materials would be purchased in bulk through them to lower the cost and would be built by welding apprentices who are training for the company. Jon Foster City Forester stated he would draw up rough draft plans for the guards so that the project could move forward and estimates of cost could be determined.

CHRISTIMAS TREE DISCUSSION-

11-8-2023 day to decorate City tree board Christmas tree. For the parade of trees at the city museum

NEXT MEETING DATE-

Tuesday January 9th, 2024. 4pm

ADJORNMENT-

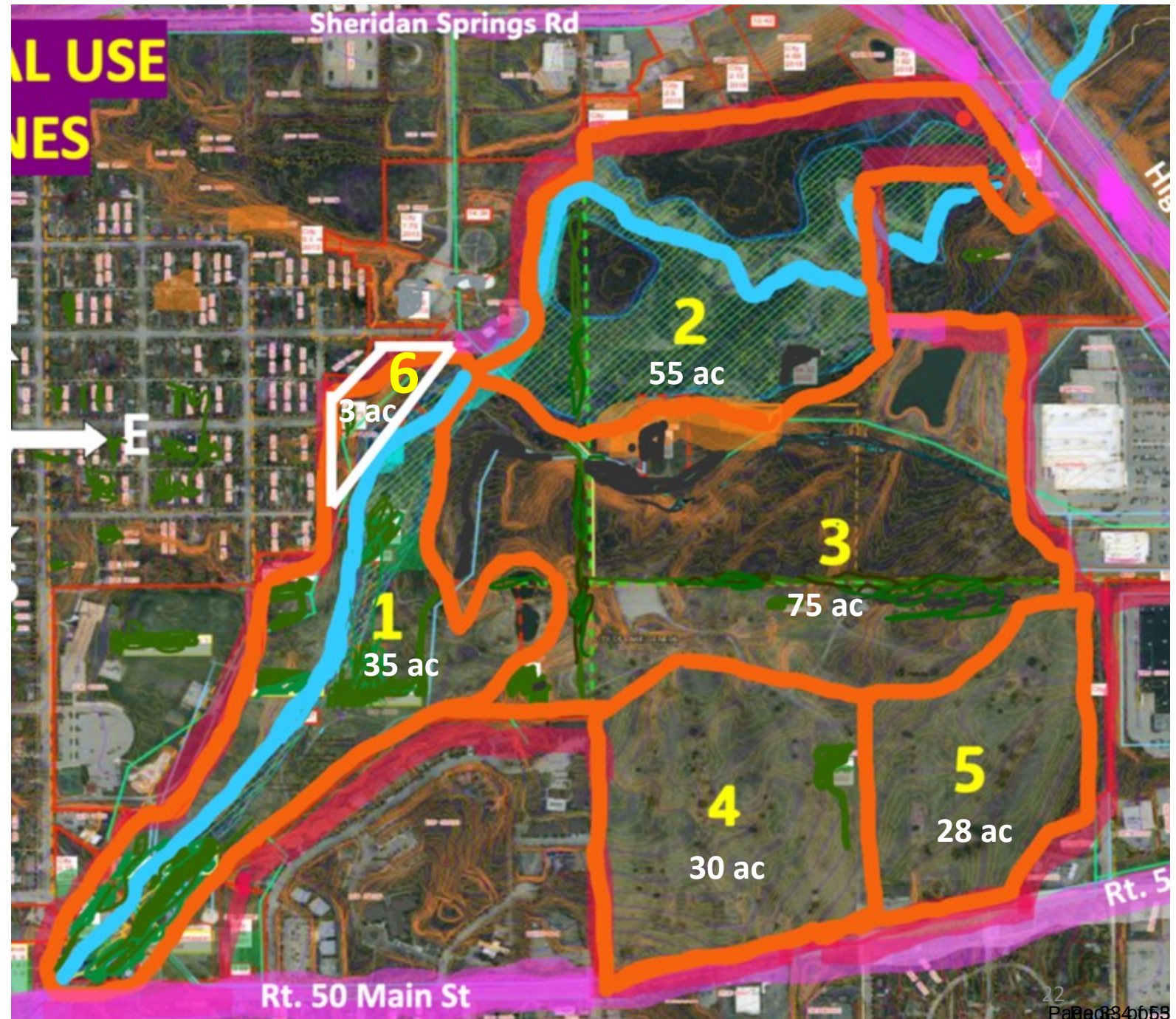
Mayor made a motion to adjourn, Sonya made the second all remaining members agreed.



Using what we know
about the land:

Suggested Revised Natural Use Zones

*approx. acreage



Land Use Recommendations

Only buildable acreage: 58 acres in Zones 4, 5; and 5-10 acres in SW Zone 3

	Compatible Uses	Uses NOT Compatible
Zone 1 Lies within SEWRPC Environmental Corridor	Dog Park, Disc Golf, Walking/Biking; Trails and Bridges; Picnic Shelters, X-Country Skiing, Fishing, Kayaking, Playground, Formal Gardens, Natural Wildflower or Prairie Plantings; Trail Access to Downtown.	Parking Lot, Bathroom Facility, Substantial Structures, Roads; Activities that result in sediment and/or pollutant run-off into the White River.
Zone 2 Lies within SEWRPC Environmental Corridor	Walking, Birding; Limited number of mowed trails, boardwalks, and/or bridges; Kayaking; Trail Access to North and Parking along Sheridan Springs Road; Trail Access to Haskins Street; Raised Viewing Platform.	Parking Lot, Bathroom Facility, Structures, Roads, Picnic Shelters, Paved Trails; Activities that result in sediment and/or pollutant run-off into the White River or Wetland.
Zone 3 Lies within SEWRPC Environmental Corridor	Walking, Birding; Trails; Picnic Shelter; Small Playground; X-Country Skiing; **In southeast corner: Small Structures such as Amphitheater, Bathrooms, Concessions, Parking Lot; **Along southern boundary: Formal or manicured Botanical Gardens.	Substantial Structures, Roadways, or Parking Lots. Activities that require, or result in, significant ground disturbance or landform erosion.
Zone 4 30 acres	Walking, Biking, X-Country Skiing; Trails; Roadways; Small Structures such as Amphitheater, Bathrooms, Concessions, Parking Lot; Playground; 9-hole Golf Course (very minimal water and herbicide use required); Formal Gardens, Native Prairie Plantings, Community Gardens, Arboretum; Picnic Shelters; **Larger Structures placed near east boundary of zone.	Activities that result in sediment or pollutant run-off into the White River, or pollutant seepage into ground water.
Zone 5 28 acres	Walking, Biking, X-Country Skiing; Trails; Roadways; Amphitheater, Bathrooms, Concessions, Parking Lot; Playground; 9-hole Golf Course (very minimal water and herbicide use); Formal Gardens, Native Prairie Plantings, Community Gardens, Arboretum; Picnic Shelters; Larger Structures such as YMCA, municipal pool, nature center, visitor center, community center.	Activities that result in sediment or pollutant run-off into the White River, or pollutant seepage into ground water.
Zone 6 Lies within SEWRPC Environmental Corridor	Trail connection to trail system from Haskins Street; Native plantings; small picnic shelter.	Activities that result in sediment or pollutant run-off into White River. Parking lots, Bathroom Facilities, Substantial Structures, Roads; Formal Gardens, Community Gardens.