

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY September 12, 2023

Roll Call 4:00 PM- Candy, Peg, Sonya, Mayor, Jon-arborist, Morgan

Public- Denis Louser, Cindy, Mark Sesselman, Julie Mulligan

Minutes approved- Peg makes motion Sonya second, unanimously approved.

Public Comments: Julie Mulligan wants a dedication tree planted in memory of David Mulligan (DIRT) nick name, in Donian Wetland Preserve (BUR OAK.) She will be filing out a donation form.

Mark Sesselman of 351 South Curtis has purchased a tree to be planted in Disc Golf Course with plaque, checking the status of planting.

Dennis Louser wanted to talk about Blight & needle disease concerns on spruce trees. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Mark- 351 south Curtis- Tree and plaque first of October to be planted.

Arborist Report: Things briefly were this fall plantings, Spongy moth infestation and treatment with soil injection for caterpillars and scraping off the egg masses to reduce numbers. Also the money that will need to be budgeted to preserve oak trees at Oak Hill and other locations within the city from Spongy moth. Fall Planting will begin in October, but the downtown flowering pear may be planted in September, they will be B&B 2- 2.5-inch DBH to stop some of the vandalism. Ordinance change concerning removal of tree notifications and tree planting notifications was passed and will be used this fall before plantings and removals proceed.

Parks position briefly mentioned: Mayor commented that a committee will be meeting to further discuss this.

Update on Downtown tree protection: Both schools that were contacted said no, Sonya will contact gateway Tech college. The 15,000 allocated for purchasing protection rings for the trees may need to be reallocated. Jon will talk to Tom, the Director of Public Works.

Update on school projects- Sonya commented that Candice Franks of the Badger Ag Class will probably participate with the City Forester for some sessions this coming year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th at 4pm.

Adjournment 5:00 PM: Peg made the motion Sonya 2nd and all approved.