



**MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room West, City Hall, 900 Quay St.**

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Commissioners Present: Al Schema, Horst Abel, Tim Randerson, Denise Maser

Staff Present: Billy Hutterer, Alvin Rehme

Absent: Alder Vanderkin

Members of the Public: Randy Rotter (via Zoom)

**Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by A. Schema.

**Approval of the minutes from the November 8, 2022 meeting**

A motion was made by T. Randerson and seconded by H. Abel to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public input session**

None.

**Report on tree maintenance since last meeting**

99 trees removed – approx. 90 ash (does not include park trees)

16 stumps ground

21 trees trimmed

0 after-hour callouts

48 loads of firewood

1 tree removal permit

0 planting permits

Serenity Farms came in to finish the ash tree removals at Lincoln Park. The Forestry Division is selling tree tops out of the park. Some downed trees may remain for natural habitat.

The Engineering Sidewalk Program is using Treeo's to remove some trees that are affecting sidewalks.

The commission discussed planting restrictions in the terrace area and the possibility of changing the rules to allow smaller trees to be planted.

**Urban forestry grant opportunities**

Many of the grant opportunities are closed at this time. Staff was working on one application for a U.S. Forestry Service grant.

**Addition of the Street Tree Planting Plan into the Street Tree Planting Policy**

B. Hutterer said that this will now need to go to the City Attorney's office for review.

**Ordinance to amend Section 8.190 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regulating Trees & Shrubs**

Tabled until the revisions are complete under new legal counsel.

**Arbor Day 2023**

The Commission had previously discussed having the celebration at Lakeview Park, but the Parks & Recreation Manager preferred that the ash trees on the hill at Lakeview Park remain as long as possible. The Commission may look at holding the 2024 or 2025 celebration there.

The City Forester suggested having the celebration at Citizen Park for 2023.

**TCU application**

B. Hutterer reviewed figures from the Tree City USA application with the Commission.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by T. Randerson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by H. Abel. Meeting adjourned.

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