



MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
1st Floor Conference Room West, City Hall, 900 Quay St.

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

Staff Present: Dan Koski, Billy Hutterer

Commissioners Absent: (none)

Members of the Public: (none)

Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by A. Schema.

Approval of the minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting

H. Abel made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public input session

None.

Report on tree maintenance since last meeting

99 trees removed

2 stumps ground (topsoil & seed added)

36 trees trimmed

61 trees planted, including Reed Ave. & Lincoln Park

0 one-ton loads and 0 two-ton loads of firewood delivered

1 tree removal permits

0 planting permits

Urban forestry grant opportunities

B. Hutterer & the Parks Planner, B. Wetenkamp, worked on & submitted the bi-annual Urban Forestry Grant. B. Wetenkamp worked on a second grant for tree removals at Silver Creek Park which would also include plantings there, as well as at other parks and medians.

Ideas for Arbor Day 2024

B. Hutterer mentioned possibly holding the Arbor Day Celebration by Lakeview Park / Madison Elementary School. Another area that was mentioned was the triangular area across from Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Update on Forestry assessments 2023

One of the properties that received an assessment in 2023 appealed it, and the Board rescinded it. The family did not take a deceased person's name off of the land record, so they never received a certified letter regarding removing the tree.

Annual election of officers

Ald. Vanderkin nominated A. Schema to be Chair of the Municipal Tree Commission. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. T. Randerson was nominated to be the Vice Chairperson by A. Schema. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2024 meeting schedule

The Commission decided to change the meeting dates to the second Thursday.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by H. Abel. It carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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