

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission meeting Minutes
Monday, August 22, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

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> Roll call: Karen Coburn, Brandon Knedler, Rose Mary Leaver, Karen McCulloch, Jerry Schoen. Absent: Ann Zarinnia. Sherry Stanek arrived while the meeting was in progress.

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> Staff: Andy Beckman

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> Also present: Nick Alt

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> Approval of agenda: McCulloch/Leaver moved approval.

> Unanimously approved.

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> Approval of July minutes: McCulloch moved to approve July minutes; Knedler seconded, unanimously approved.

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> Staff report: Beckman reported that city tree planting for

> 2016 is

> completed. Trees planted on newly completed Center Street have been

> water bagged; among them are two white crabtrees and one red. No tree

> planting will be done on the George Street project until next year.

> The city has identified 96 infected ash trees to be removed.

> Trees that have

> been treated for ash borer are marked with green dots.

> Coburn asked

> Beckman to notify the city forester that cars are parking in tree drip

> line areas on City Market days, compacting soil and jeopardizing tree

> health. She asked also whether three trees designated for Cravath Lake

> Park had been planted, and whether the City has a canopy map

> available.

> Beckman will check on it.

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> Bird City/Bird Talk: McCulloch contacted science teachers Paul Majors

> and Michelle Difiore at WW High School to discuss a presentation by

> Richard Ehrenberg to FFA and biology students about native plants. It

> is possible that some native plants might be grown for the spring

> plant sale. McCulloch suggested involving students at various grade

> levels in selecting 2017's Whitewater Bird of the Year. Information

> about "bird candidates" will be developed by UFC members. The UFC

> booth staffed by committee members at the WW Downtown Festival on

> September

> 10 will

> feature the Woodpecker Bird of the Year brochure, a bird

> identification game, Jerry Schoen's carved birds, handouts on invasive

> plants, etc.

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- > Tree City/Tree Talk: Coburn distributed forms for nominating notable
- > trees. UFC members agreed to check out specific areas for notable
- > trees:
- > McCulloch, Hillside Cemetery; Knedler, Starin Park; Schoen, Walton
- > Oaks Park; Stanek, a tree on private property; Leaver, Calvary
- > Cemetery.
- > Discussion continues on designation of boundary areas in Walton Oaks
- > Park. Stanek has found examples of markers that could be used to
- > identify trees in the Downtown Walking Arboretum.
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- > Plan Board: No report
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- > Citizen input: Nick Alt, relatively new to Whitewater, introduced
- > himself and talked about his interest in urban forestry. He indicated
- > that he would be willing to serve as an alternate on the UFB board.
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- > Future agenda items: Election of UFB alternate member. How to raise
- > money for UFB projects. The committee currently operates with no
- > budgeted fund
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- > Adjournment: Schoen/Stanek moved to adjourn. Unanimously approved.
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Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Leaver, Acting Secretary