

**City of Whitewater Urban Forestry Commission**

**January 23, 2023 Meeting Agenda**

**Cravath Lakefront Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - 4:30 p.m. and Virtual**

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**Call to Order:**

**Roll Call:**

**Hearing of Citizens Comments:** No formal action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time, however citizens are invited to speak on specific issues as the UFC discusses them.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Approval of November 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes:**

**Treasurer's Report:** (Leaver)

**Staff Report:** (Neumeister) 2023 Street tree order update, remaining Starin trees to come down, stumps yet to be ground

**Arboretum Update:** Tree mapping to continue with (Nies) researching how to get the most accurate gps location; PlantsMap and tree tag order completed, placed and

received (Stanek). Starin Park's historic water tower report (Oberle and McCormick). Stanek and Nies will present on Arboretum progress at Senior Center on February 25, 2023 from 9 - 2.

**Fundraising for 2023:** Discussion items:

Fundraising sub-committee (Nies)

**Grant progress:** Eric Boettcher, Neumeister and Stanek met with Olivia Witthun, our DNR rep. and discussed the status of 2022 DNR Grant. An extension has been requested by Eric Boettcher and approved. Grant will be completed when we have met the rest of the requirements to the best of our ability as a city and a committee. Reimbursement will be based on expenditures, staff, equipment and volunteer hours and represent our meeting of the commitments we made in our grant application. Progress is ongoing. Areas of focus are Tree Inventory work, (role of Barry Rosenberg), ordering signage for Education Center, removal of trees and stump grinding as well as Community Tree Management Institute attendance (Stanek continuing program in Feb. and June).

Focus for 2023 after 2022 requirements are completed will be to:

- continue to maintain 2022 plantings (Stanek)
- raise funds for further development of Arboretum (Nies)
- form a subcommittee to work on spring programs - Arbor Day, Earth Day and World Migratory Bird Day plans - and work to promote (Nies and Stanek)
- Spring 2023 Community Tree Sale (Alt) set dates and plan for promotion
- continue development of educational signage, path development, and plan for adding signage mounting structures and storage to Educational Center
- further development of the Friends of the Arb (Nies). and other outreach in the community. UFC and City will revisit applying for 2024 next year in coming months.

**Tree City:** Effigy Mounds (Oberle) Library program on oak savannas woodlands? (Oberle); Tree Benefit Calculator (Stanek)

**Bird City/Bird Talk:** Bird City Renewal status; Project Feederwatch (Chandler)

**Items For Future Discussion:**

**Adjournment:**

**Next Meeting:** February 27, 2023