

**AUGUST 1, 2018 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Beckwith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Adam Gould (left at 6:55), Sarah Beckwith, Barb Steponkus, Bill Sachse and David Mancheski.

Excused: Barb Bublitz

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan and Public Works Director Tom Hartzell.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, July 27, 2018 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Gould/Steponkus motion to approve the June 25, 2018 Tree Board meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

TREE REPLACEMENT POLICY: The Board discussed a policy to prioritize planting of the street trees. The Board has discussed in the past starting a gravel bed root system to provide future trees. This will possibly provide additional trees for planting on our terraces and other city owned properties. The Board felt that focusing on streets in a one neighborhood at a time would be most efficient.

A Gould/Beckwith motion to create a policy to focus planting street trees in one neighborhood at a time passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

TRANSPLANTING TREES: The Department of Public Works has trees in the city's nursery that are ready to be planted this fall. A list of the trees available was provided for the Board. Flanigan suggested that we use some of the oak trees for the linear arboretum concept at RTP. We could then fill in with different varieties of trees to showcase different species of trees available. Gould suggested that we plant some of the white pines at Orchard Park. Hartzell stated there have been numerous trees removed from the cemetery. Flanigan suggested planting some of the trees in the cemetery. Hartzell also suggested some of the trees could go in the business park to replace trees that have been or need to be removed. The Board designated some of the trees on the list to Orchard park and RTP. They suggested allowing Hartzell to determine where the remaining trees be planted.

A Beckwith/Gould motion to plant some of the white pines in Orchard Park passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

A Sachse/Steponkus motion to approve selecting 4 trees from the city's nursery, 1 Red Oak, 2 Crab Apples, and 1 Burr Oak for the entry to RTP passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

GRANT PROGRAMS: The Board was reviewed with DNR tree grant program summaries. Staff suggested applying for a startup grant. This grant is less competitive and more likely to awarded. If received, the city would be required to match the amount of the grant. The city

would then request the Council include the city's portion in the 2019 budget. The Board could use these funds to complete a tree inventory or to fund the gravel bed and bare root stock. The applications are due October 1st. Staff is also looking into other grant opportunities from ATC and Alliant Energy. Flanigan will bring the information for those grants to the next meeting.

RACETRACK PARK PLANTING PROJECT: The board has already designated 4 trees for this project from the City's nursery. Mancheski suggested some Ivy Silk Japanese Lilac trees. Flanigan suggested using some of the smaller trees around the batting cages and in limited space areas. The Board suggested putting notice in the newsletter to let citizens know they can purchase a tree in memory of a loved one.

The board would like to look at trees with the same shape for the entrance of RTP. A list of trees available and the cost will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting August 27th at 6:00 pm

- Race Track Park planting
- Grants
- Memorial trees in one area
- Budget

Being no other business before the Board, a Beckwith/Mancheski motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flangan/wjl
City Administrator