



MINUTES OF AN OFFICIAL MEETING:

Regular / Special Meeting: Forestation Committee
Date and Time: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, 2000 N. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield, WI, Main Conference Room
Members Present: Ald. Anderson; Ald. Christianson; Ald. Mellone; Ald. Wilson
Members Absent: Ald. Seals
Others Present: Gary Majeskie, Parks and Forestry Superintendent; John Kelliher, Director
 of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

1. Roll Call

- a. Ald. Wilson noted a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Announcements

The Next Regularly Scheduled meeting is March 6, 2023.

3. MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Ald. Mellone, second by Ald. Christianson to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021, Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR THE MEDIAN/RIGHT-OF-WAY ON CALHOUN ROAD FROM NORTH AVENUE TO CAPITOL DRIVE AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

Mr. Majeskie summarized the landscape plan* for the recently reconstructed section of Calhoun Road. There was a brief discussion on the design theme and criteria. The approach was “the right tree/plant in the right place.” This takes into account safety, utility locations, specific species site requirements, and species diversity. The landscape design will also repeat some of the design elements contained in the sections reconstructed south of Gebhardt Road to provide some continuity of all projects. The limited space on the medians created a challenge for the design team. There was also discussion on the types of plants to be installed and species.

Following additional discussion by the Committee, ***Ald. Anderson moved, seconded by Ald. Mellone, approval of the plans and authorization to proceed with advertisement for bids. Motion carried 4-0.***

b. Future Projects and Initiatives

North Avenue – Funding for this project may occur in the 2024 budget. Since North Avenue is a county road, it will require a permit/approval from Waukesha County. If the City receives a permit, planning and design should occur in fall/winter of 2023 with installation in the spring of 2024. The Forestation Committee would be part of this review process. Director Grisa in Public Works will be involved as he is in contact with the County.

c. Emerald Ash Borer Update

1. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was confirmed in Brookfield on March 2016 on Elm Grove Road. The whole state is quarantined, and it is recommended to prevent firewood from moving from one location to another.
2. We are now on the backside of the EAB bell curve. Tree removal peaked in 2019-2020 at 1,407 trees. There are only 591 trees projected for removal in 2022-2023. The removal of ash trees was conducted without additional funding/resources. The unique partnership/cooperation with the Highway Division was instrumental to this effort.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Christianson, seconded by Ald. Mellone to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

*Documents are on file at the Department Office for public review.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary Majeskie, Parks and Forestry Superintendent