



**TWO
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WISCONSIN

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND CHECK ON REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

Board Members: Donald DeBruyn, Darla LeClair, Jay Orvis, Katherine Dahlke (virtual)

Others in attendance: Scott Ahl, Mike Mathis, Tracey Koach

3. REVIEW LAST MINUTES - APPROVE OR CORRECT

Jay Orvis approved minutes, Don DeBruyn seconded

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Mathis, Director of City of Two Rivers Parks and Rec, MA in Education, MS in Ecology.

- Emerald ash borer
- Benefits of tress – many from pollution reduction, climate change, physiology/aesthetics, energy (shading)
- Example Allovez – inventory of ash trees 698 tress, value \$1,045,620, Chicago, 3.6 million trees, reduce air pollution, \$6.4m/yr
- Provided ordinances -7-4-1
- Application for tree inventory, last competed in 1998. Information would be imported to tree plotter (part of DNR website)
- Example Kewaunee – evaluate size, type, quality, vacant. Noted Kewaunee also development of management plan. DNR website has sample emerald ash borer management plan
- Current City Budget – Urban forestry \$32,000, Tree planting \$12,500
- Current City Forester has multiple tasks beyond forestry
- Typical emerald ash borer will kill a tree in 3 years
- Two Rivers 1998 inventory indicated 198 ash trees, accuracy unknown

6. NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

7. DISCUSS IDEAS FOR HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONCEPTS

- Grant Application - \$50,000 (\$25,000 DNR, \$25,000 city match) would include inventory management plan, selective removal of trees and plants, staff training, community outreach to improve urban forestry
- Community Outreach – part of winter educational series
- Next presentation – Nov 17th at Library – Community Conversations
- Other activities – outdoor activities
- Looking at schedule for Community Educational Series at Library
- Possible Topics (eight evenings)
 1. Emerald Ash Borer, contact Trach Scalisbury at the DNR, many assist with presentation

- 2. Pollinator gardens, green infrastructure, benefits of trees
- 3. Various topics from DNR – vegetable gardening (UW Extension Service)
- 4. Woodland Dunes, habitat management
- 5. Deer management and wildlife issues
- First series Oct 27 – Jim Kniklebdle
- 2022 MSU Tollgate Farm Home Grown Gardens, LPM performed virtually, \$12.00/session
- Update on WPPI tree grant – possible expand public education
- Review draft of Front Yard Gardening

8. OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD, WITH CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF NEEDED

9. SET DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING(S)

Suggested as Tuesday, October 18 , 2022, at 5:30pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

Jay Orvis moved, Darla LeClair seconded, 6:47pm

Notice: To better accommodate public input, citizens may participate via video conference or conference call, from remote locations.

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