



Hudson Urban Forestry Board Meeting - ZOOM  
Meet at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Hudson WI, 54016  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

## Join Zoom Meeting

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### AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Discussion and possible action on the HUFB December 16, 2020 Minutes
3. New Business:
  - a.) Ash Tree Wood Utilization
  - b.) Tree Stewards Program
- 4: Old Business:
  - a.) 2021 Tree of the Year selections
5. Items for future agendas:
  - a.)
  - b.)
6. Adjourn

Jeff Heywood, Chairman

Posted 1-15-2021

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the City Council may be present at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the City Council pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village BD, 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993) and must be noticed as such, although the Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

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Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Jeff Heywood, Jen Haase, Sarah Atkins Hoggatt, John Mueller, Ken Holman, Liz Malanaphy

Members absent: Starla Enger,

Others present: Michael Mroz; Director of Public Works

1. Call to order 6:04 pm
2. Approve the HUFB November 23, 2020 Minutes: Motion to approve by Ken Holman; Second by Liz Malanaphy. Motion approved.
3. New business:
  - a.) Discussion on 2021 Arbor Day Event – Tentative dates Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 2pm & Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9-12. Friday's event will be centered around the schools and Saturdays will be a citywide event. Planning TBD due to COVID.
  - b.) 2021 Tree of the year selection – Due to gravel bed relocation, tree of the year stock will be container grown. Pre-sale to residents will happen through March 2021, with planned delivery prior to Arbor Day. Each board member was sent a list of tree candidates to research and should bring top two choices for tree of the year to the January Hudson Forestry Board meeting.
4. Old business:
  - a.) Tree Trek GIS Mapping Update – Maps have been updated and are intended to be used as teaching tools. Ken suggest that the maps be posted to the City's website for use by anybody to download and use from a mobile device.
5. Items for future agendas:
  - a.) Utilization – considering a partnership with the county on Ash trees
  - b.) Voluntary park stewards
6. Adjourn: Moved to adjourn at 6:27; seconded, and motion carried

Next meeting: January 20, 2021. Location TBD.

Submitted by  
Jen Haase  
HUFB Secretary

# Tree Steward

## About Tree Steward

A Tree Steward Program is a community-based program where city staff or representatives will request bringing in Tree Steward education. This education allows the public citizens to get involved with caring for their community's urban and community forests through volunteerism. Essentially, Tree Steward volunteers act as leaders in their community and act as a second pair of eyes within their community.

Tree Steward volunteers can be trained in a wide array of topics related to trees. This education can include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Properly planting trees and leading others at planting events
- Properly pruning young trees to improve the overall health and structure
- Pruning suckers and sprouts from young and mature trees to ensure safety and proper sightlines for the public
- Watering devices available for use and the benefits of utilizing watering devices for young and newly planted trees
- Installation of watering devices on public trees
- Identification of common tree diseases and pests
- How to identify trees of concern - we want to keep the public safe!
- How to report trees of concern to your community so action can be taken

2021 Trees-of-the-Year (TotY) Suggestions  
Supplement to Nov 18, 2020 HUFB Meeting Notes  
Submitted by Ken Holman – Nov 23

As Mike Mroz reported, the Gravel Bed System will be relocated to the Ward Av DPW Building in 2021, and not be available for the TotY stock. So all tree stock will be smaller container grown trees and residents will need to order and pay for their trees before the shipment is received, usually the week before Arbor Day (@ April 21-23, Arbor Day Fri & Sat).

By purchasing container stock, we have a much wider variety of trees to choose from, and should consider offering one of our native Oak or Hickory species, including those featured on the Vine St Tree Trek. These will also entice our abundant squirrel population to assist in our reforestation efforts – BONUS !!

My large stature TotY suggestions (prioritizing low maintenance spp) are:

- Pin Oak, *Quercus ellipsoidalis* - <https://www.minnesotawildflowers.info/tree/northern-pin-oak>
- Red Oak, *Quercus rubrum* - <https://www.minnesotawildflowers.info/tree/northern-red-oak>
- Black Oak, *Quercus velutina* - <https://www.minnesotawildflowers.info/tree/black-oak>
- Bi-color Oak, *Quercus bicolor* - <https://trees.umn.edu/bicolor-oak-quercus-bicolor>
- Bitternut Hickory, *Carya cordiformis* <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/trees/bitternut-hickory.html>
- Shagbark Hickory, *Carya ovata* [http://www.minnesotaseasons.com/Plants/northern\\_shagbark\\_hickory.html](http://www.minnesotaseasons.com/Plants/northern_shagbark_hickory.html)

And for smaller stature trees, we should consider the Vine St Trek spp we have NOT offered, and North Star Cherry in particular, if we want to promote a more edible urban forest. Note link to other hardy fruit trees. My suggestions, again in priority order:

- North Star Cherry, *Prunus Cerasus 'North Star'* <https://www.kb.jniplants.com/north-star-cherry-prunus-cerasus/> ALSO NOTE OTHER FRUIT TREES to consider - <https://www.hunker.com/12280932/fruit-trees-that-grow-well-in-minnesota>
- Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis* <https://northerngardener.org/plant-profile-redbud-tree/> (tolerant of Black Walnut toxicity - <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/black-walnut-toxicity/> )
- Ironwood, *Ostrya virginiana* <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/trees/ironwood.html>
- Amur Chokecherry, *Prunus maackii* <https://wimastergardener.org/article/amur-cherry-prunus-maackii/>
- Pagoda Dogwood, *Cornus alterifolia* [https://naturalresources.extension.iastate.edu/forestry/iowa\\_trees/trees/pagoda\\_dogwood.html](https://naturalresources.extension.iastate.edu/forestry/iowa_trees/trees/pagoda_dogwood.html) (not featured on Vine St, but very tolerant of Black Walnut toxicity)