



Springfield Urban Forestry Commission

3:30 p.m. September 14, 2022

Public Notice and Meeting Agenda

Room 203, Municipal Center West

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
- III. Approval of 7-13-2022 Minutes
- IV. Approval of
 - Urban Forestry Management Plan
 - Updates to Arboricultural Specifications Manual
 - Updates to Tree Plan
- V. Final report on Japanese Maple Trees - Randy Belville
- VI. Old Business.
 - (a) Meeting with Building & Zoning - Jan Von Qualen
 - (b) Letter to Ethan Heilman - Jan Von Qualen
 - (c) Update on the MacArthur Boulevard & Lawrence Avenue Projects – Nate Bottom, Jan Von Qualen
 - (d) Update on the Trees Forever carbon credit program – Susan Allen, Nate Bottom
 - (e) Update on downtown landscaping – Jeff Reim
 - (f) Other
- VII. New Business –
 - (a) Discussion of ideas, goals, partnerships, and plans for the coming year

(b) Emma Kiel, Material Coordinator, Urban Evolutions, Inc. (| 920.380.4149 ext. 119), 2401 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54914, (urbanevolutions.com), contacted Jan. Urban Evolutions, Inc., is a material design company that uses fallen city trees in commercial projects in the Midwest. It currently partners with six Wisconsin municipalities to source urban wood. Ms. Kiel said urban wood projects are gaining popularity, and Urban Evolutions, Inc. is interested in new opportunities in Illinois.

She asked what species of trees are common with Springfield's removals and what utilization solutions Springfield has in place. She noted that disposing of fallen city trees can be quite costly and wasteful, and other cities have appreciated seeing their wood go to good use and cut costs. Urban Evolutions, Inc. uses a lot of ash due to Emerald Ash Borer but is also interested in elms and oaks. The Company is just starting to explore options for partnering with municipalities out of state, so she is just trying to gather information at this stage. She attached a PDF that briefly outlines the typical process working with cities in our region. More information is available on the website: <https://urbanevolutions.com/urbanwood/>.

(c) Choosing trees for Spring planting

(d) Sustainable Springfield "Excellence in Planning and Outreach in Tree Conservation" was awarded to the UFC.

(D)Other

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Upcoming events:

UFC meeting: 3:30 p.m., November 9, 2022.

Girl Scout Tree Badge educational event, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., October 1, 2022

X. Adjournment