

Minutes
Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
December 8, 2025

Committee Members Present: Miguel Pena, Alisa Leamy, Lori Whitman, Kaci Coconate, Michael Allen

Committee Members Absent: Christine Mania

Staff Present: Kong Thao, Associate Planner; Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent; Phil McDade, Utility Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Miguel Pena called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.

Motion by Pena, second by Leamy, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS

a. Presentation of forestry operations for 2025.

Larson reviewed with the committee the village's forestry operations for 2025, which included: removal and grinding of 25 village trees and stumps; 350 village trees trimmed; and 97 trees planted. Village forestry efforts in 2026 will focus on: removal of several large cottonwood trees in McDaniel Park; continued tree planting in the Rosewood Fields subdivision; and tree replacement plantings along village streets and in selected village parks.

b. Update regarding Grand View Conservancy tree removals.

Larson reviewed with the committee plans to remove several trees in the Grand View Conservancy that border residential lots in the village, primarily on Pheasant Run and Creamery Court. Storms have damaged several box elder trees in the conservancy, and those trees and others in the conservancy are at risk of falling into

residential lots, necessitating removal. Because of the size of the trees and the scope of the project, this work will be done by a contractor, Larson said.

c. Discussion of RecycleWise with Lori Whitman

Committee member Whitman discussed with the committee her village-wide Styrofoam recycling program, in which village residents contact her to pick up unwanted Styrofoam packing materials for recycling at a Madison recycling center. Whitman said she's conducted 211 pickups in the village, and made 47 recycling drop-offs, totaling nearly 5,500 cubic feet of materials, since starting the program in the spring of 2025. Her efforts were nominated for recognition by Sustain Dane's Live Forward award.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Pena motioned to adjourn; Leamy seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.