



## AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 5/12/2025

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Tim Bull – City Forester

SUBJECT: New tree planting appeal – 3027 S 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Municipal code Section 56-23 Appeal

Any person who objects to proposed parkway tree planting may appeal to the public works committee within ten days of publication of the notice. The public works committee shall hear such appeal within 30 days of receipt of written notice of appeal. After such hearing the committee shall notify the appealing party of its decision.

### ISSUE

A new street tree is scheduled to be planted in the right of way adjacent to this property. The property owner prefers not to have a tree planted. The Public Works Committee needs to decide if the tree does get planted at the location or not.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the tree is planted at the proposed location.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City of Sheboygan's urban forest provides an annual benefit of around \$3 million, this in part includes: reduced stormwater runoff, reduced summer cooling costs, cleaner air and water, and reduced crime.

The City Forester is tasked with evaluating street-by-street all public right-of-way and public area space and site factors which aid in the determination of the tree genus and species and variety best suited to a particular planting site in regard to growth habits, shape, form, health, disease, insect and pest resistance, conflict with wires, lights, pavement, traffic, pedestrians, sidewalks, environmental pollution, sewers and space availability.

South 20<sup>th</sup> street was evaluated for Spring 2025 tree planting and all available tree planting sites were assigned a specific tree species suitable for their location.

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The proposed planting site is 30' away from the fire hydrant, 11' away from the driveway, and 11' away from the sewer lateral. (10' is the minimum distance suggestion)

The proposed tree species is a Scarlet Fire Dogwood which matures with an oval shaped canopy reaching 20 feet tall and 18 feet wide.

Reasons listed in the appeal letter for not wanting a tree and reasons the City Forester supports having a tree:

- Maintains lawn on an above average scale, including the area the tree is scheduled to be planted.
  - A tree is not much different than a street light or fire hydrant with regards to how grass can be maintained around them.
- Does not want any more shadows at night – the street is dark enough
  - This is a small tree and is 60 feet away from the nearest street light.
- Does not want more obstacles to hamper the task of putting his 2 year old granddaughter in her car seat – he has had multiple back surgeries
  - The tree will be 10 feet away from the sidewalk entrance.





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### FUNDING IMPACT

There is no funding impact with this decision

### NEXT STEPS:

If approved to plant the tree at this location, it will be planted within 10 days by the Forestry Division.

If not approved for planting the tree at this location, it will be planted in October at an alternate location to be determined by the Forestry Division.