



## OSHKOSH ROTARY SOUTHWEST

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November 22, 2017

Rob Way  
Winnebago County Parks Department  
625 E. County Road Y #500  
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Dear Mr. Way:

I am writing to request that the County Board accept the donation of approximately 32 trees selected by the County along with funds for signage acceptable to the Parks Department with a total value up to \$9,000 to help establish a Rotary Display Arboretum in Winnebago County Community Park.

Earlier this year, Rotary International President Ian Riseley challenged Rotary Clubs worldwide to plant trees for each of its members. Oshkosh Rotary Club, Oshkosh Rotary – Southwest and the E-Club of NE Wisconsin decided to combine their efforts. The clubs convened a visioning session of 15 community leaders including Rotarians and representatives of the City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County, the Town of Algoma, Oshkosh Neighborhood Associations, the WDNR and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. The visioning group recommended the three Rotary clubs provide the County with approximately 32 trees of various species and funds to provide signage as necessary to establish a Rotary Display Arboretum in Winnebago County Community Park. The visioning committee hoped to establish this arboretum as an extension of the walking trail system installed within the park and an educational resource for schools and consumers seeking to better understand the variety of trees native to Wisconsin and/or suitable for our climate. This recommendation was approved by all three clubs.

Our three Rotary Clubs and their members are proud to support initiatives to educate the citizens and improve the beauty of Winnebago County and the City of Oshkosh and, in particular, to enhance the value and visibility of Winnebago County Community Park.

Thank you for your efforts in helping us plan this project.

Sincerely,

Ken Friedman,  
Chair, Environment and Beautification Committee  
Oshkosh Rotary - Southwest, Inc.