



Tree Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday June 5th 2023 at 5:00 PM
City Hall Conference Room A213

In Attendance:

John Easley	City of Noblesville – Urban Forester
Ashley Mulis	Board Member – President
Jennifer Roberts	Board Member – Noblesville Common Council Liaison & Co-President
Leslie Taljaard	Board Member – Resident
Chad Lindemood	Board Member – Resident

City Department Liaisons:

Christina Miller	Street Department
Joyceann Yelton	Planning Department

Guests:

None

Quorum? YES

Call to order at 5:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Non-Reverting Tree Fund Balance \$4,227.34

Chad Lindemood has been appointed as our newest board member. Chad has attended several meetings and has expressed an interest in the board. The board welcomed Chad to serve with us!

Old Business:

Tree Planting Grant Program:

Planning for this is underway. The next step is to meet to discuss the program requirements (committee meeting) and continue to develop a draft of the program for city review.

UDO Revision and Tree Preservation/iTree:

There was a discussion about what items the tree board could contribute (if a conversation with city agencies occurs about potential Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) update). The goal is to come up with ideas that could solve current problems regarding tree planting & maintenance as well as increase efficiency of city operations. A list of items will be compiled by this board and presented to city staff for further discussion.

2024 Budget Discussion:

A letter of support regarding the urban forestry efforts at the street department was discussed and a draft has been circulated among the board for review. The final edits are due to Ashley this week and the letter will be sent to the Mayor's office for consideration during the 2024 budget discussions/allocations.

New Business:

- Urban Forester Report – provided by UF (John) & provided here.
- Committee Report
 - The Education & Outreach committee met last month and prepared draft documents for both the 2024 Budget recommendation letter and the Tree Planting Grant program general requirements. Work on both will continue at our next committee meeting.

Open Floor

No discussion.

Close of meeting was complete at 6:25 PM.

MOTION by John

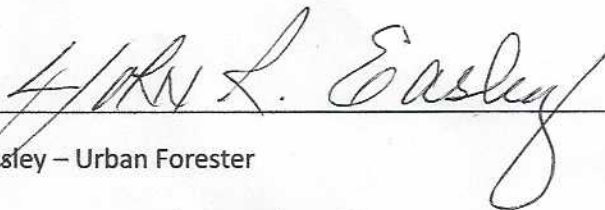
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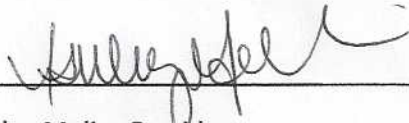
Seconded by Leslie and carried without dissent.


The next Urban Forestry board meeting will be on:

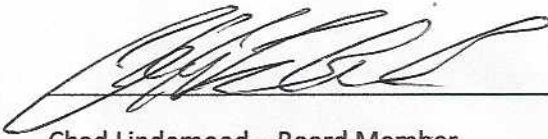
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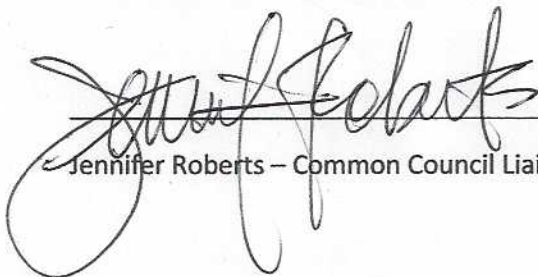
Approved by:


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John Easley – Urban Forester


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Ashley Mulis - President


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Leslie Taljaard – Board Member


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Jennifer Roberts – Common Council Liaison, Co-President & Secretary

Urban Forester Report

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1. About 169 of 170 new Street Trees have been installed by BrightView. In the course of this operation 2 trees were "lost" and not planted. They planned to purchase 2 replacement trees and install them, but only 1 of the 2 was installed.
2. There are about 50 tree stumps remaining in Woods and Greens at Prairie Crossing subdivision to be removed for the sidewalk repair project there. To my knowledge, this is the final such project remaining for 2023. I hope to return to existing work orders for tree removals, stump grindings and tree pruning by the middle of this month.
3. We have run into some issues with private irrigation lines being installed on City property, and then being subsequently damaged by stump removal or tree planting operations. Going forward, the planting of new street trees in areas where private irrigation has been installed, will not be approved without the appropriate homeowner signing off the City of Noblesville from liability damage to such systems.
4. I have met with HOA leadership and cruised several subdivisions with concerns about subdivision-wide street trees: Retreat at Mill Grove, Wellington Northeast, Pebblebrook Villas, Cranbrook, Stony Creek Estates.
5. I began sending out a monthly info sheet to HOA and Property Management group representatives with information regarding street trees. April: Volcano Mulch, May: HOA's have no jurisdiction over City ROW. June: Irrigation encroachment on ROW's.
6. I am seeking documentation from the City which requires residents to maintain the City ROW in front of their property. I have had a handful of folks pushing back against this.

GOALS FOR URBAN FORESTRY 2023

I have set goals to achieve for this year regarding functions of the Urban Forestry Section:

ITEM	CURRENT TURN AROUND	NEW GOAL
Tree Removals	7 months	5 months
Tree Pruning	7 months	5 months
Stump Grinding	12 months	6 months
Storm Damage	8 hours	8 hours
Inspection response	48 hours	24 hours
Tree Planting	#150/yr	#200/yr
Neighborhood pruning	5 years	5 years
Updating GIS Tree Inventory	8 years	3 years
Licensing of businesses	never	Starting 2023
Updating of publications/manuals/lists	variable	As needed/annually reviewed