



Tree Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 1st 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

City Department Liaisons:

Christina Miller	Street Department
Joyceann Yelton	Planning Department
Tim Stottlemeyer	Engineering Department (attended part of meeting only)

Guests:

Chad Lindemood (potential board member)

Quorum? YES

Call to order at 5:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Non-Reverting Tree Fund Balance \$4,227.34

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.

Arbor Day: Tree Planting & Proclamation:

The 2023 Arbor Day celebration was a success! 6 large trees were planted at the Boys & Girls Club (B&GC). John will get water bags to Lynn at B&GC.

UDO Revision and Tree Preservation/iTree:

There was a discussion about the possibility of a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) update and what input the Tree Board could provide in such a process. We discussed how with smaller sites there can be issues with the number of street trees required based on lot width (ex: when the lot width is smaller the same number of street trees are required which can be problematic if trees are too closely spaced) and if there is a potential for creating 'tree-banking' for projects that can't meet the landscape ordinance for number of plantings required. These are just a couple of topic areas that the tree board could bring to a UDO revision discussion if it occurs.

New Business:

- Urban Forester Report – provided by UF (John) & provided here.
 - Need a dedicated number of people for “tree working” to provide the level of service needed for the urban forest.

- Committee Report
 - The Education & Outreach committee did not meet last month.

Open Floor

No discussion.

Close of meeting was complete at 6:26 PM.

MOTION by Leslie

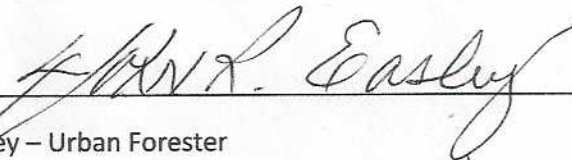
Move to adjourn.

Seconded by John and carried without dissent.

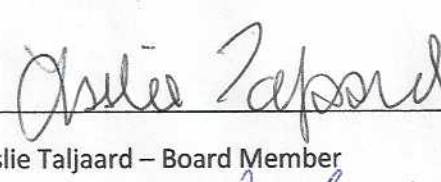
The next Urban Forestry board meeting will be on:


Monday June 5th, 2023 at 5pm in Noblesville City Hall Room A213.

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
 Noblesville Tree Board Meeting: May 1, 2023

1. About 120 of 170 new Street Trees have been installed thus far by BrightView Additionally, the three dead CUFA trees been replaced.
2. 1 Tree purchased by SMC, was installed as a joint project for Earth Day 2023.
3. 6 Trees, purchased by the Noblesville Tree Board, were installed at the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville for Arbor Day 2023.
4. Mayor Chris Jensen proclaimed April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in Noblesville, Indiana. He read his proclamation aloud at the event at the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville.
5. Tree and stump removals for sidewalk renovation has been completed in the Morse Pointe subdivision.
6. There are about 46 trees 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 prunings by the end of this month.
7. We have removed 4 more Street trees that were topped by residents, repaired 1 street tree pruned by a resident (without permit), and removed another tree planted as a Street Tree as approved and required by an HOA that had not survived the Winter. I had "push-back" from one resident receiving a newly planted tree this Spring that did not want the tree mulched and dropped clumps of sod around the tree of his own accord. I will repair this tomorrow.
8. I renewed my credentials as an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist. This will be good to 2028.
9. The crew completed about 20 storm damaged tree calls over the past 2 months.

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