



Tree Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 11th 2023 at 5:00 PM
City Hall Conference Room A213

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

John Easley City of Noblesville – Urban Forester
Chad Lindemood Board Member – Resident

Guests:

Anna Douthett (Noblesville resident with an interest of trees)
Emily Smith (landscape architect who lives in Wayne Township)

Quorum? YES

Call to order at 5:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Non-Reverting Tree Fund Balance \$4,227.34

Introductions made by board members and guests.

Old Business:

Tree Planting Grant Program:

Planning for this continues. The draft documents have been prepared & submitted to the city for review. City legal is reviewing. Discussed online submittal process and potential for allowing paper form submittal to the urban forester. The next steps are:

1. The city to review the program documents.
2. Developing the metrics (point system or grant grading matrix) to prioritize projects for awarding grants. Grant Grading Matrix to include “need” as part of decision point system (to ensure that trees given will go to those who have the greatest financial need for them).

UDO Revision and Tree Preservation/iTree:

Previously, 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 (in a lunchtime, collaborative meeting) for further discussion.

This meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the month November, with a final date to be sent soon.

New Business:

- Committee Report
 - The Education & Outreach committee met last month regarding the Tree Planting Grant program general requirements and grading matrix. Work will continue at our next committee meeting.

Open Floor

No comments.

Close of meeting was complete at 6:00 PM.

MOTION by Leslie

Move to adjourn.

Seconded by Jennifer and carried without dissent.

The next Urban Forestry board meeting will be on:

Monday October 2nd, 2023 at 5pm in Noblesville City Hall Room A213.

There will be board meetings each month for the rest of the year.

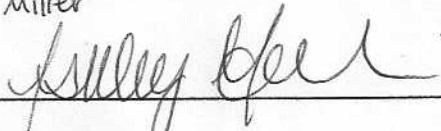
The next committee meeting date is: September 18th at the Noblesville Street Dept.

Approved by:



on 10/2/2023

~~John Easley~~ - Urban Forester Technician
Christina Miller



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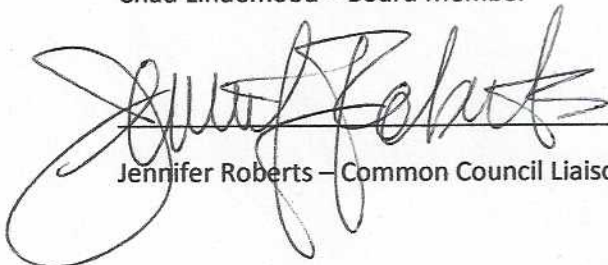
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