



Tree Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 6th 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
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Absent:

Chad Lindemood	Board Member – Resident
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Guests: None

Quorum? YES

Call to order at 5:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Non-Reverting Tree Fund Balance \$4,227.34

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.

Lunch & Learn with City Departments:

A lunch & learn with city departments has been scheduled for January 19th from noon to 1pm. The Tree Board is preparing an agenda and supplemental documents for this meeting. The goal is to increase understanding of how each department interacts with trees. This understanding could benefit city processes, budget, and tree canopy.

General discussion about the information that could be shared in the meeting as well as background information that could be shared in advance with city departments. Discussed tree board achievements, goals, etc.

New Business:

- Urban Forester Report – provided by UF (John) & provided here.

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

Open Floor

No comments.

Close of meeting was complete at 6:29pm.

MOTION by Ashley

Move to adjourn.

Seconded by John and carried without dissent.

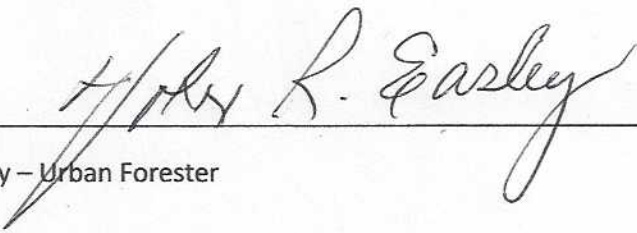
The next Tree Board/Urban Forestry board meeting will be on:


Monday December 4th, 2023 at 5pm in Noblesville City Hall Room A213.


The next committee meeting date is: December 11th at the Noblesville Street Dept.

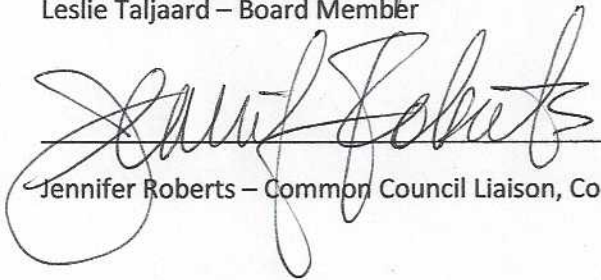
Post meeting note: Chad Lindemood resigned from tree board on 11/15/23 stating schedule conflicts. His signature line has been removed from these meeting minutes and his name will be removed from future board minutes.

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. Engineering Project: Old Town (South of Cherry St, North of Pleasant Street, between 10th Street and 19th Streets) 12 trees still to be removed w/stumps. This to be done contractually via Engineering Dept using Tri-State Tree Service.
2. I have met with Limon Green Landscaping and Pulte regarding Westmoor Subdivision street tree planting. LGL got their license today and on-going discussions with Pulte Homes are taking place to resolve communication issues.
3. The Monthly email info sheet to HOA and Property Management group representatives with information regarding street trees: November-Attaching to street trees and leaf pickup.
4. The Noblesville Tree Ordinance is being reviewed by the Planning Department, which would prefer a total overhaul of the document. That has been underway since February. I have been invited to a meeting on October 27th regarding this update-RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 27.
5. All but one remaining High Priority tree removal work order has been completed, and that should occur this week. We have targeted the twenty tree removal work orders remaining from 2022 to be completed this month.
6. For the months of December, January, and February, the tree crew will focus on street and sidewalk clearance pruning in subdivisions.
7. It appears that we have been approved to hire an additional person to the City Tree Crew. This will bring the crew total to 4, allowing us to split into two 2-person crews to hopefully catch up on stump removals.
8. Lunch and Learn scheduled for Wednesday, November 29th at City Hall: 11:30-12:30 Rm A214.

GOALS FOR URBAN FORESTRY 2023

I have set goals to achieve for this year regarding functions of the Urban Forestry Section as below. Current turn around time impacted by 7 months of Engineering Projects and High wind on June 29th.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CURRENT TURN AROUND</u>	<u>NEW GOAL</u>
Tree Removals	14 months	6 months
Tree Pruning	14 months	6 months
Stump Grinding	19 months	6 months
Storm Damage	8 hours	8 hours
Inspection response	24 hours	24 hours
Tree Planting	#150/yr	#200/yr
Neighborhood pruning	5 years	5 years
Updating GIS Tree Inventory	Continual process	Continual
Licensing of businesses	never	Starting 2023
Updating of publications/manuals/lists	variable	As needed/annually reviewed