

Introductions

1. None needed

Consent agenda

2. Approval of April minutes
3. Next meeting- June 12 at 9:30 at Rose Hill Cemetery Office (moved due to Juneteenth holiday)

Discussions and Presentations

4. Engineering- Miller Showers Gateway Project (Haskell)
 - a. Plans were shown of tree removals and plantings
 - b. Concerns about monoculture and low tree diversity, but there is pushback from developer
 - c. Tree Commission can express concerns (Parks Board is an option for Tree Commission to be involved more in planning of this project, next meeting after tomorrow's is June 20)
 - d. Other projects are usually planned through Public Works
 - e. Haskell will bring notes back to Tim regarding suggestions for increasing species diversity

Reports

5. Urban forester's report (Haskell)
 - a. Removed 13 trees on SE park trail (60 total this year)
 - b. Planted 100+ memorials, RCA, Winslow Sports, 15th and 11th streets, Park Ridge East, Schmalz Farm, just a few more left
 - c. Arbor Day at Switchyard Park went well, 5 trees planted, 45 trees at RCA
 - d. Tree grate and hardscape- 19 so far
 - e. Bicentennial Round 2 downtown with Davey will be prepped in the summer, plant in fall
 - f. Park Board tomorrow- watering contract, tree appeal (removal denied)
 - g. IU survey partnership getting started (post survey of first Bicentennial planting)
 - h. Canopy Bloom with start Youth Tree Tenders at Switchyard Park, meeting this week
 - i. 108 ash trees treated
 - j. Garden Fair went well, main topic Callery Pears, interest in tree planting in homeowner ROW
 - k. Phase One of Callery Pear removals complete, beginning Round Two
 - l. RCA went well
 - m. Budget has been smooth process so far
 - n. Still working through Green Waste Plan
 - o. Tree Care Manual- Haskell has been working on updates
 - p. Golf Course Tree Management Plan still in process, tree removals in summer, inventory in winter

- q. Tree Re-inventory with DRG- contracting in place, DRG will be doing QA/QC checks to address errors in previous inventory
- 6. Tree Issues at IU (Mia)
 - a. Sunday before Monday commencement on New Albany campus- tornado hit area with 35-40 trees devastated, work being completed prior to commencement, which was able to occur outdoors, crew will be monitoring any remaining potentially impacted trees that are still standing
 - b. Arbor Day celebration on IUB campus- Jim Capshew presentation (IUB campus natural history) with Lawrence Cotton (Olmstead biographer) , Hannah Gregory, and Mia (Woodland Campus Initiative) followed by tree planting with students and some faculty
 - c. Hannah Gregory, along with Mia, and three students are leading a group of students caring for trees on campus
 - d. Mia is continuing conversations with First Year Experience to include educational tree material in programming
- 7. Environmental Commission
 - a. Met on April 20
 - b. Discussed Eco Heroes project
 - c. EC is making suggestions to Planning Department about UDO, Planning Department has provided feedback comments- concern is with streams and measuring riparian buffer from center of stream instead of from banks
 - d. Open Door Policy and aligning to its standards
 - e. Reports from Friends of Lake Monroe and MC-IRIS

Old Business

- 8. Vacancy on Tree Commission
 - a. Haskell has reached out, no real updates
 - b. Still looking for candidates
- 9. April events updates
 - a. Link for Stephanie's presentation on April 19 at the Ostrom Workshop Research Series https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cYNA7btmW0&ab_channel=OstromWorkshop
 - b. Haskell handed out trees at Farmers Market
 - c. Sycamore planting at Templeton
 - d. Reminder- Haskell will be at Farmers Market the last Saturday of each month

New business

- 10. Tree Care Manual Updates
 - a. Mia- can we abridge other parts of the agenda for a meeting and dedicate more meeting time to make these edits- group agrees and plan to spend at least half of next meeting on these updates
 - b. Haskell- has found great pictures to include and has received a nice Foreword from Lee Huss

- c. We are on page 10, will need to review before following section
- 11.UDO tree species lists
- a. These were included in the vote to be added to the new UDO, and has been going through process of approval

Adjourn

12.Adjourned at 10:31