



Urban Forestry

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TREE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.

City Hall, McCloskey Conference Room 401 N Morton ST STE 135 Bloomington IN 47404

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Tree Commission Members

Commission Member	Appointed by	Appointment Date	Term
Stephanie Freeman-Day	Common Council	2/1/2025	2/1/2025-1/31/2028
Travis Harding	Common Council	2/1/2025	2/1/2025-1/31/2028
George Hegeman	Board of Park Commissioners	2/1/2024	2/1/2024-1/31/2027
David Parkhurst	Environmental Commission	2/28/2023	2/28/2023-1/31/2026
Julie Roberts	Mayor	3/1/2024	3/1/2024-1/31/2027
Neil Tong	Board of Public Works	7/17/2023	7/17/2023-1/31/2026
Mia Williams	Mayor	2/1/2023	2/1/2023-1/31/2026
Haskell Smith, Staff Liaison	n/a	n/a	n/a

CALL TO ORDER

I. ROLL CALL

A Present- Neil, Dave, Stephanie, Haskell, George, Mia, James Ford (member of public)

B Absent- Travis, Julie

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MEMO. - December 2025

A Dave proposes, Neil seconds

III. AGENDA

A. Reports

A-1 Urban Forester's Report (Haskell Smith)- in email attachment and package

i. Street department working on removals, some pruning (wind damage), planting in Bill Mallory, University Street, north B-line extension (north of Adams to Vernal Pike) Bicentennial Round 3 is complete, Park Board meeting on Thursday 1/15, Canopy planting at 14 houses as part of Tree Assistance Program (Davey Tree doing removals), Bluestone and JR Ellington service agreements in place, ash tree health assessment contract (DNR grant) will evaluate 500+ trees around Bloomington, Master Draft nearly complete and will be finalized soon, some pushback on UDO updates (adding cultivars was deemed as too much detail- Haskell and Planning can approve these, chokecherry will be added as a new approved species), IPM meeting later this week about Integrated Pest Management Plan to create urban forestry specific section, will follow ANSI standards (TC can make suggestions in document Haskell shared- do so ASAP), Tree City USA, Tree Cities of the World, and Tree City Growth Award all applied for as renewals, next week is IAA Conference- Haskell and three employees will attend, Quarterly Risk Report- Haskell is editing/rebuilding, has compiled a list of ~140 trees of the 200 for the final round of Bicentennial Planting, new trailer for urban forestry department coming soon

A-2 Environmental Commission Report (Dave Parkhurst)

i. Met in December, presentation from Dylan Allison about River Watch program, Matt Flaherty presented about Commission residency requirements, discussed working group updates from Biodiversity, Eco Heroes, EC Planning Committee, light pollution, outreach and education, water quality

ii. Dave has asked the EC to find a replacement for him as the EC representative on the Tree Commission. This will likely be his last meeting with the Tree Commission.

A-3 Report from Indiana University's Landscape Architect (Mia Williams)

i. Has not been updated from internal meeting, so short report, would like to share tree inventory presentation at next meeting or one that is coming soon, needs a meeting location with ability to project presentation, data in use to inform plantings, goal to get utilities mapped for same reason, Mia is retiring at end of April but wants to continue to liaise with IU to connect with the Tree Commission

A-4 [Optional] Report from Canopy Bloomington (Julie Roberts)

- i. No report

B. New Business

B-1 Vote on Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

- i. Full vote moved later until full quorum is here
- ii. Neil will step down as Chair (but may rejoin- has applied for PhD at IU)
- iii. Vote for Stephanie to remain as Vice Chair- Mia moves, Dave seconds, all approve

- iv. George has agreed to serve as Interim Chair

B-2 Approval of [Urban Forestry Masterplan](#)

- i. Approve to take next steps, Stephanie proposes, Dave seconds, all approve

C. Old Business

C-1 Discussion: Community Tree Tag

- i. Haskell has gotten some suggested edits, will incorporate
- ii. George mentioned the Tree Tag to a teacher at Childs School and she will create a unit that includes a scavenger hunt
- iii. James Ford- type may be too small (or use a different font), especially on the back, but there is also value in the smaller print drawing people in to interact with tree

C-2 Discussion: Integrated Pest Management Plan

- i. Table for next meeting

D. Public Comment - anything unrelated to agenda items

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A Mia proposes, George seconds

A. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, February 17th at 9:30, location TBD- Haskell will let us know later this week

Location: City Hall, McCloskey Conference Room 401 N Morton ST STE 135
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Handouts (see attached, if available)

- Tree Commission Meeting Notes December 2025 (see attached)
- Tree Commission Meeting Memo December 2025 (see attached)
- Urban Forester's January 2026 Report (see attached)
- Tree Commission Meeting Agenda (January 12th, 2026) (see attached)
- CoB Integrated Pest Management Plan (see attached)
- Community Tree ID Tag (see attached)