



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TREE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 20, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**Hooker Conference Room, Suite 245, Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton St.,
Bloomington 47404**

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For more information about the Tree Commission, or to submit questions or comments for consideration by the Tree Commission, [send an email to Urban Forester Haskell Smith](#).

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Tree Commission Members

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

Julie Roberts	Mayor	3/1/2024	3/1/2024-1/31/2027
Mia Williams	Mayor	2/1/2026	2/1/2026-1/31/2029
Karl Gaisser	Environmental Commission	4/16/2026	4/16/2029
Vacant	Board of Public Works	n/a	n/a
Haskell Smith, Staff Liaison	n/a	n/a	n/a

CALL TO ORDER

I. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Haskell, Karl, Mia, George, Travis, Stephanie, Julie, guest- Zach Ammerman from Commission on Sustainability and Resilience

B. Absent:

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MEMO. -June 15, 2026

A. Julie moves to approve, Travis seconds, all approve

III. AGENDA

A. Reports

1. Urban Forester's Report (Haskell Smith) – attachment included

- i. Quarterly Tree Risk Assessment and Reporting Document shared- pruned >200 trees, removed 60, planted ~212, inspected ~3,000 trees so far this year, lots of work on tree grates- 27/49 repaired, Storm Resilience Pruning Grant finished until next year (60-70 hazard trees pruned/reduced), DNR Grant for ash trees- 82 trees treated (1600 DBH in total), working on removal list, workshop at Alison-Jukebox coming up, Park Board meeting Thursday, Tree Assistance Program- 17 applications- removals, pruning, planting, 325 sites for Bicentennial Fourth Round getting set up for the fall- still confirming sites and species

2. Environmental Commission Report (Karl Gaisser)

- i. Most of last meeting about Light Pollution and Dark Sky resolution, planned focus areas for rest of the year- one is to coordinate more closely with CanopyBloomington

3. Report from Mia Williams, re: Indiana University canopy

- i. Connected with Tristan Johnson from Landscape Services, summer is a quieter time for activity, planted 168 trees this spring (2 student events), Lead Arborist, Greg Lammers will be leaving IU this month [this means IU only has 2 arborists and is looking for someone to take Greg's position], Mia worked with CanopyBloomington to give a tour, if time, Mia can share the presentation on IU's Tree Inventory

4. Report from Canopy Bloomington (Julie Roberts)

- i. No report

B. New Business

1. Quarterly Risk Report- see above summary in Urban Forestry Report

C. Draft BCOSR Resolution- Zach Ammerman from Commission on Sustainability and Resilience- wanting to make changes to city code to protect larger trees- heritage (24" DBH) and significant (12" DBH)- fees to replant trees from these size categories that are removed by property owners,

1. Tree Commission supports-

- i. Mia moves to vote on support, Karl seconds, all in favor

3. Old Business

1. "Hello" Tree Sign

- a. Fix small typo, otherwise ready to send to print and start placing on trees!

D. Public Comment – anything unrelated to agenda items

E. Julie- this is her last Tree Commission meeting- starting a neighborhood co-educational program, would like to invite the Commission to her home to see her ~100 trees and artistically decorated property

F. Next inventory report due late 2020s

G. Mia shared presentation on IU's 2025 Tree Inventory

1. First inventory- ash trees in 2015, then built out program to train interns to conduct the inventory, shared data on species, tree care, condition—some really cool data summary charts!
2. She will share after getting approval from the co-creators of the powerpoint document

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- I. Motion to adjourn- all agree

V. NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2026

Location: To Be Determined

Handouts (see attached, if available)

- Tree Commission Meeting Memo, June 2026 (see below)
- June Tree Commission Meeting Agenda (June 15, 2026) (see attached)
- Quarterly Risk Report (see attached)
- BCOSR Resolution 2026 - XX (see attached)
- Draft TC letter of approval for BCOSR Resolution (see attached)