

Agenda, City of Bloomington Tree Commission
Monday July 18, 2022, 10-11 am, Switchyard Park

Introduction

1. Introductions

Consent agenda

2. Approval of Minutes of 27 June, 2022, meeting (in your email)
3. Next meeting will be Monday, August 15, 10am, Switchyard Park

Discussions and Presentations

4. Public comment, if any
5. Engineering presentations: none

Reports

~~6. Urban Forester's Report~~

7. Tree issues at IU, if any (Mia Williams)
8. Report from Environmental Commission (Dedaimia Whitney)

Old Business

9. Update on Urban Forester position
10. Discussion of Tree Care Manual revisions OTHER THAN tree species recommendations.
11. Results of City Legal review of Proposed bylaws for the Tree Commission

New Business

12. Letter of thanks for Kerry Bridges
13. Letter of thanks for Dave Parkhurst
14. Inserting tree species revisions from the Tree Care Manual into the Bloomington Municipal Code
 - a. Scientific guidance on which tree species are recommended, allowed, and prohibited changes frequently.
 - b. The Tree Commission, under the guidance of the Urban Forester and using its own professional knowledge, regularly updates the tree species recommendations in the Tree Care Manual.
 - c. The tree species recommendations in the Bloomington Municipal Code frequently are incorrect because the Code is updated infrequently, the process of updating it is cumbersome, and those who update it are not tree professionals.
 - d. The optimal method of rectifying this problem is to include the tree species recommendations of the Tree Care Manual by reference in the Bloomington Municipal Code.
 - e. This is not going to happen.
 - f. An alternative procedure is as follows. Every year, at a specific date, the Tree Commission will update the tree species recommendations in the Tree Care Manual. It will write and propose to the City Council an ordinance to amend Table 20-04-14: Permitted Tree Species and to amend sections "Prohibited Invasive Trees" and "Prohibited Plants with Poor Characteristics" of Table 20-04-18.
 - e. The Tree Care Manual can include commentary and recommendations about selection of tree species other than those specifically mentioned in the Bloomington Municipal Code.
 - f. When is a good time of year to do this?
 - g. What is the process necessary to successfully update the Tables in the Bloomington Municipal Code?

Additional announcements

Adjourn