

## Tree Commission Minutes

January 23, 2023, 9:30 AM

### Introductions

1. None needed

### Consent Agenda

2. Approval of minutes- approved
3. Next meeting 2/20 at 9:30

### Discussions and Presentations

4. No public comment
5. Engineering-
  - a. Follow up to 1<sup>st</sup> street- Haskell changed a lot of species and added some root barriers (he sent the list out over email), he shared map
  - b. Much higher species diversity
  - c. Root pruning this fall
  - d. Spring 2024- tree planting, 84 trees total

### Reports

6. Urban forester report (Haskell) (sent in email)
  - a. This month- Callery Pear removals in Olcott/Jackson Creek area
  - b. Approx. 500 trees planted in 2022
  - c. New hire for laborer position (Landon)
  - d. Bicentennial Planting Round Two- 90 sites in downtown are, contract complete
  - e. On Treekeeper, with quick filter sites can be seen (Haskell emailed instructions)
  - f. Park Board is tomorrow
    - i. Canopy Bloomington- youth tree tenders
    - ii. Service agreements
  - g. East Winston pruning went well
  - h. Treekeeper updated into symbols- colors for vacant spaces, trees, stumps, vacant site no replant includes 2024 city council districts
  - i. Duke Reliability Project- multiple large trees removed (planned in 2016)
    - i. Haskell is currently in discussion for Phase 3, less trees will be removed (approx. 20 that are more recently planted)- 17<sup>th</sup> to Dunn Street
    - ii. Tree Commission- can write letter to the Mayoral Office and the H-T
    - iii. Duke is paying \$50,000 for tree replacement for Phase 2 removals
  - j. Spring Tree order- 82 trees from Shade Tree Unlimited
  - k. Haskell has been expanding potential contractor list- can bid out contracts to more bidders
  - l. Arbor Day 2023- project in Switchyard Park, replacement of vandalized/dying trees- planned for April 28 (Friday) from 9-12
  - m. Callery Pear list- can be found on Treekeeper

- n. Haskell has made edits to Tree Care Manual
- o. Pest and Disease Plan- County Commission office said Tree Commission can create this- especially in light of potential Asian Longhorn Beetle
- p. Overlook 2023 plan- general plan
- q. Treekeeper
  - i. Misidentification issues- this will be a focus of the re-inventory
  - ii. There are multiple instances of tree species being misidentified by the DRG surveyors who worked in 2019
  - iii. Mia will find out how accurate IU inventory
  - iv. Re-inventory will revisit tree species and DBH, Haskell has already checked tree grate
  - v. Haskell will address these concerns to his contact at Davey
- 7. Tree Issues at IU (Mia)
  - a. None reported, has been slow and quiet
- 8. Environmental Commission (Dave)
  - a. Bachelor Forest- historically, EC (Dave, George, Tom) had worked with head of library to limit tree removal to the extent possible
  - b. Bucket List meeting- created plan for 2023, includes current working groups remaining, increasing outreach (i.e, at Farmers' Market)

#### Old business

- 9. Current Tree List- some of the changes made it onto the new list, not all were accepted, and this is why there were discrepancies between the lists we generated and the lists that Linda shared
  - a. Haskell is still in communication with Linda about some of the trees on this list
  - b. We can email Haskell with any questions
- 10. 1<sup>st</sup> street project
  - a. Commission approved Haskell's list

#### New business

- 11. Appointment of Tree Commission offices for 2023
  - a. President- Mary
  - b. Vice-president- George
  - c. Secretary- Stephanie
- 12. Tree Commission major plans and objectives for 2023
  - a. Educational outreach with Community Orchard and Canopy Bloomington
  - b. Advocacy for providing public transparency in situations like the Duke project where such projects that generate large-scale tree removals
  - c. A member of the Tree Commission attending Indiana Arborist Association meeting
    - i. Haskell will be attending, starts January 24
  - d. Connecting with MC-IRIS especially regarding Callery Pear (non-public trees)
  - e. Garden Fair
    - i. Haskell would like to attend (Lee and Erin had done so in the past)
  - f. How we can work with contractors who plant trees as part of projects (or damage existing trees that weren't slated for removal)

- i. In UDO, requirements for tree protection from damage (first step)
  - ii. Holding contractors accountable
- g. Public input for changes to the UDO
- h. Review of changes to Tree Care Manual
  - i. Goal is to have this done by mid-year, break into sections for editing
  - ii. Lee Huss will write the Forward to the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition
  - iii. Haskell has already gone through and suggested edits
  - iv. Review first 5 pages before next meeting on Google Doc
- i. There is an opening on the Commission, there were 4-ish applicants, will be on Agenda for Board of Public Works to review