

June 12, 2023

Present- George, David, Haskell, Stephanie, Jeff, Mia

### Introductions

1. None needed

### Consent agenda

2. Approval of May minutes- approved
3. Next meeting- July 17, 9:30 Bryan Park north shelter

### Discussions and Presentations

4. Engineering- Miller Showers Gateway
  - a. Haskell and Tim have passed along recommendations for tree species diversity increases, and these were incorporated into the plan
  - b. College- Walnut study is soon, there is a meeting this coming Thursday, EC will attend

### Reports

5. Urban forester's report (Haskell)- sent via email
  - a. Phase 2 Callery Pear and hazard removals
  - b. Pruned almost 100 trees
  - c. Planted 140 trees for spring season
  - d. No June meeting for Parks Board- next meeting is July 12
  - e. An idea- report at end of year of Tree Commission work to present to Parks Board
  - f. Davey Resource Group will do re-inventory, hopefully August or September
  - g. Youth Tree Tenders with Canopy Bloomington started on June 5
  - h. USDA grant for storm resilience has been submitted
  - i. Haskell joined a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Task Force
  - j. Goal for total elimination of city Callery Pear- 12-15 years
  - k. UDO buffer discussions- Haskell is building argument so that more trees can be added (reduce buffer size around utilities), adding tree protection ordinances to Title 12
  - l. Nursery green waste management- IDEM has gotten back to Haskell
  - m. Haskell found some great older (early 1900s) photos with great tree canopy
  - n. Golf course management plan- back burner
  - o. Appointment for Tree Commission position- candidate through board of Public Works, candidate with dual MPA/MSES degree and minor in Urban Forestry
6. Tree Issues at IU (Mia)
  - a. Tree Campus USA committee meeting last Friday, Tristan reported that 36 trees were planted last week, spring plantings are finished, tree

team of four people are doing stewarding, 2182 trees have been treated (various treatment types)- 50 species have been treated -deep root feeding, to address aphid/scale and fungal issues

- b. Grant opportunity through forest service- IU did not get this submitted in time, technical issues on government site, but program will be reoffered and the state of Indiana will have its own version, IU is ready, this work has given the Woodland Campus Initiative a focused framework and goals to work through
7. Environmental Commission (David)
- a. Has not met since our last meeting
  - b. EC will attend city council meeting on the College-Walnut project instead of meeting as a group

### Old Business

8. Tree Commission vacancy- candidate through board of Public Works, candidate with dual MPA/MSES degree and minor in Urban Forestry

### New business

9. Tom Coleman event upcoming this Friday at 10 AM
10. Haskell will be at the Farmer's Market this coming Saturday
11. Tree Care Manual Updates- we are on page 10
- a. Haskell has photos
  - b. Haskell also has the forward Lee Huss wrote and will send it to the group
  - c. Add a section on protection from deer and other wildlife
  - d. Add a section on volunteer trees, how to foster (and to identify)
  - e. Add a section on how close trees should be to houses and other structures
  - f. Haskell added suggestions to his paper copy
12. UDO tree species list
- a. Included in vote to be added to UDO
  - b. Passed through city council and mayor's office, just needs to be added to the UDO

### Adjourn

13. Adjourned at 10:30