



Bloomington Tree Commission

Monday, July 17th 2023 at 9:30 am

Bryan Park Shelter House off of S Stull Avenue, located on the north side of Bryan Park

Announcement

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Introductions

1. Welcome Neil Tong, new TC member appointed by the Board of Public Works
 - Done
 - Present- Mary, George, Mia, Jeff, Haskell, Stephanie, Neil, David

Consent agenda

2. Approval of Minutes from June 12th, 2023, meeting
 - George moved to approve, Jeff seconded, minutes approved
3. Next meeting will be Monday, August 21st, 9:30 am, location TBD
 - Meeting at Rogers Family Park shelter, would be moved to Rose Hill office in case of inclement weather

Discussions and presentations

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

Reports

6. Urban Forester's Report and Tree Commission Education (Haskell Smith)
 - 250 storm calls over last month (hectic time period)

- Park Board – IAA passed,
 - will have professional level classes in Bloomington, next fall with tree appraisal class,
 - youth tree tenders finished,
 - planning tree-related fall event,
 - Haskell is looking for front-line community member,
 - Haskell has been working on Tree Care Manual and Title 12
 - Budget is set from Haskell's end and is in process of approval
 - For tree replacement and conflict with utility lines- a letter of support from the Tree Commission would be helpful
 - i. George will draft the letter
7. Tree Issues at IU, if any (Mia Williams)
- IU has also been working with storm clean-up
 - IU's lead arborist has moved onto another position, and they are working on finding someone to replace him
 - Spring planting has been completed
 - Haskell sat in on the tree council meeting, is impressed with the tree preservation work
8. Report from Environmental Commission (Dave Parkhurst)
- EC did not meet in June because the Commission attended the city meeting on the Walnut-College project
 - No agenda yet for Thursday meeting, will review proposed development near Stone Mill off Tapp Road, stream setback (currently measured at centerline and should be at banks)- suggestions from multiple TC members to look for IDEM requirements

Old business

9. Upcoming Tree Commission outreach and events – TC members are encouraged to participate
- May- October: Urban Forestry info-booth every 4th Saturday at the Bloomington Farmers' Market
10. Continue Tree Care Manual review and updates
- Review of Lee Huss forward
 - i. Suggestions from email incorporated as well as typo corrections suggested during meeting
 - Review and additional edits to current draft
 - i. We can review again after Haskell finishes newest edits
 - Haskell asked for any edits to UF Management Plan (next section that we have not formally reviewed)
 - i. Can be reviewed before next Tree Commission meeting

New business

11. Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Task Force frontline community member
 - Explanation of Frontline Community:
<https://climatereadycommunities.org/resilience-resources/identifying-representatives-of-frontline-communities/>
12. Mary has heard a lot of pushback about the native plantings in the planters around the square, we could advocate for keeping these if we do like them
13. We are encouraged to update those (boards, etc.) that appointed us to update them on Tree Commission
14. Haskell would like for us to attend a Park Board meeting once the Tree Manual is complete

Adjourn

15. David, second- Haskell, passed by group

HANDOUTS (see attached)

- ◇ Minutes from June TC meeting
- ◇ Urban Foresters Report (see attached)
- ◇ Lee Huss Forward for Tree Care Manual
- ◇ New Rough Draft of Tree Care Manual (see various formats attached)

Memorandum

Provide immediately upon conclusion of meeting, to include : 1) roll call if on Zoom 2) who voted to yes/no/abstained/made motion to approve minutes, and include who is present, who is absent, and who joined via Zoom