



**Bloomington Tree Commission
Minutes of the meeting, 28 July 2017**

PRESENT: Kerry Bridges (ISA certified arborist); Laurel Cornell (chair, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Studio Art); David Dilcher (professor emeritus, Geological Sciences, IUB); George Hegeman (Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, IUB); Lee Huss (urban forester, City of Bloomington); Dedaimia Whitney (Certified Tree Steward; Bloomington Environmental Commission).

ABSENT: Tom Coleman, (Professor Emeritus, Department of Fine Arts, IUB; Indiana Tree Steward of the Year 2004); Mia Williams (landscape architect, Indiana University).

MINUTES. May minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. ***Bloomington Bicentennial Celebration—tree project.*** One idea is to have 200 trees planted in neighborhoods, perhaps engaging the newly organized Tree Rangers. Lee is investigating ways to equip the trees with permanent ID tags.
Laurel asked if the Bloomington Orchard might be involved in the bicentennial tree planting. Lee has allocated \$2,000 to help them purchase 50 nut trees for a vacant area given to them. Because they are already approved as a city vendor, he can give them the money and let them purchase trees directly.
- B. ***EAB in Bloomington.*** The city is getting ready for Bartlett to do the next set of injections.
- C. ***Construction guidelines.*** Laurel will invite Dave Rollo to attend the TC meeting to talk about whether the council would support construction guidelines with some ‘teeth.’

NEW BUSINESS

- A. ***Purdue - IDNR early pest detection workshop.*** There will be a free early detection workshop to train people to identify forest pests from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, 11 July, at the Monroe County Extension office, 3400 South Walnut St. Registration is required.

URBAN FORESTER’S REPORT

Tree planting. The city planted 253 trees in the spring, 55 from the DNR grant. They put in 20 trees along I-69, and 25 trees in the Elm Heights neighborhood, despite rain. Of the new trees, the city only lost about 5, which is a good mortality rate. Lee doesn’t know yet how much money he’ll have for trees in the fall.

Equipment. The water truck has been out a lot, helping to get newly planted trees established. The bucket truck has arrived.

Removals. Lee marked 253 trees for removal, focusing on diseased ash trees and hazard trees. The August meeting has been moved to the 23rd.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is 9:30 Wednesday, 19 July 2017, at the north shelter in Bryan Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Dedaimia Whitney