



**Bloomington Tree Commission  
Minutes of the meeting, 20 January 2021**

**PRESENT:** Kerry Bridges (ISA Board Certified Master Arborist); Tom Coleman, (Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Fine Arts, IUB; Indiana Tree Steward of the Year 2004); Erin Hatch (COB Urban Forester); George Hegeman (Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, IUB); David Parkhurst (Environmental Commission, Professor Emeritus, SPEA); Dedaimia Whitney (Certified Tree Steward, Master Gardener); Mia Williams (landscape architect, Indiana University).

**ABSENT:** Laurel Cornell (chair, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Studio Art); David Dilcher (Professor Emeritus, Geological Sciences, IUB);

**CONSENT AGENDA**

George Hegeman presided as chair in Laurel's absence.

December minutes approved.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be 9:30 a.m. 17 February 2021.

**REPORTS**

**Urban forester report (Erin)**

See attached below.

Tim Street, formerly at Bradford Woods, is the new director of Parks and Rec Operations.

**Indiana University (Mia)**

IU is developing 'zones' called 'groves' to provide a structure for planting schedules and communication, and fund-raising efforts.

**Environmental Commission (David)**

The EC will review the city's environmental action plan, among other agenda items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

According to Kerry, the business called The Warehouse is circulating a petition claiming that the city has closed it until refurbishments to its parking lots meet the landscaping/tree planting requirements. Erin said the DNR has mandated remediation planting, and the city has told the business that work on the parking lot cannot be continued until the remediation planting has been done. Whether that is equivalent to 'closing the business' is unclear.

Erin had submitted an initial draft of a 'walk map' for Bryan Park (attached). She said the city already has a contract with an app developer who could develop a phone app to guide people who wanted to know about the trees on the walk.

Respectfully submitted,

Dedaimia Whitney

Urban Forester Report  
January 2021

Recent Activities/Events:

- 6 Trees removed by Parks
  - Butler Park- mix of declining Maple and Elm; paired with playground replacement project
  - Twin Lakes Sports Park - Pine due to storm failure
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Park Project has started
  - CBU conducting a culvert restoration project that will require removal of four trees
- People's Park - upcoming refurbishment project, may involve transplanting of an existing ginkgo tree
- Bloomington awarded the Indiana Arborist Association Gold Leaf Award for Switchyard Park planting
- Laborer position second interviews next week
- New Parks and Recreation Operations Division Director, Tim Street, started this week. The Urban Forester is a direct report to this position.

Ongoing Activities:

- Marking and Removal of hazard trees



**Bryan Park Tree Walk Draft**

- 1: Young grove of Blackgum (*Nyssa sylvatica*), 2-4" DBH
- 2: Young grove of Tulip Trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), 2-4" DBH
- 3: Young Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*), ~2" DBH
- 4: Mature Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), 24" DBH
- 5: Maturing Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*), 16" DBH
- 6: Young Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), 5" DBH
- 7: Maturing Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), 7" DBH
- 8: Mature Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), 29" DBH
- 9: Mature Red Oaks (*Quercus rubra*), 17-21" DBH
- 10: Maturing Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), 13" DBH
- 11: Young Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), 7" DBH
- 12: Maturing Bald Cypress (*Taxodium*), 13" DBH