



## **Bloomington Tree Commission Minutes of the meeting, 20 October 2021**

**PRESENT:** **Laurel Cornell** (chair, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Studio Art); **Erin Hatch** (COB Urban Forester); **George Hegeman** (Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, IUB); **Jeff Palmer** (Professor Emeritus, Biology, IUB); **David Parkhurst** (Environmental Commission, Professor Emeritus, SPEA); **Dedaimia Whitney** (Certified Tree Steward, Master Gardener); **Mia Williams** (landscape architect, Indiana University).

**ABSENT:** **Kerry Bridges** (ISA Board Certified Master Arborist); **Tom Coleman**, (Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Fine Arts, IUB; Indiana Tree Steward of the Year 2004).

**GUEST:** **Neil Kopper** (CBU Engineering Department)

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, 17 November, online or in person, to be determined.

### **South Walnut Street sidewalk improvements (Neil Kopper, City Engineering)**

Kopper described the plan to construct new sidewalks on the east side of Walnut between Winslow and Ridgeview. The city decided that the best approach would be to remove the volunteer trees that occupy that space and start from scratch (plan attached). George commented that sweetgum is very slow-growing; Mia added that dogwoods generally don't like being in full sun. The committee suggested a hornbeam as a good small-stature tree as a substitute. They agreed that the hackberry is a great choice. Jeff remarked that the redbud variety in the plan might be too large (and perhaps too bright?) for the space. He also suggested that the tree varieties be selected with the uncertainty of climate change in mind. The group also suggested that the city not plant single species all in a row.

### **URBAN FORESTER REPORT**

Erin has received several tree removal appeals, including one included in a sidewalk repair project and the removal of some Bradford pears from Bryan Park. The appeals will go to the Park Board.

The Bradford pear has been designated as the "invasive plant of the year." Erin noted that if people want to remove trees from their tree lawns, they need to get permission from the city, as the tree lawns and trees thereon are actually city property.

### **IU (Mia)**

IU is anticipating more tree planting this fall; these activities are going to be staff-only. Normally, they recruit students to help, but because of Covid concerns, IU will hold off engaging students until the spring of 2022. They continue to manage removals of ashes lost to the ash borer. She said there are some obvious dead ash that need to be removed on the golf course.

**Environmental Commission (Dave Parkhurst)**

The BEC will meet on Thursday, so there is no report other than the agenda. The Biodiversity working group is going to reconvene to work on native species planting; George asked if there was a map available to show what areas of the city are involved. David said he would try to send maps to the TC.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dedaimia Whitney**

# 95% CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

ENGINEER'S PROJECT NO. 10525  
DATE: 2021-10-14

# SOUTH WALNUT STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

## SHEET INDEX

- C100 TITLE SHEET
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- C901 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC PLAN

### OWNER'S ADDRESS:

City of Bloomington  
401 N Morton St  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### PROJECT ADDRESS:

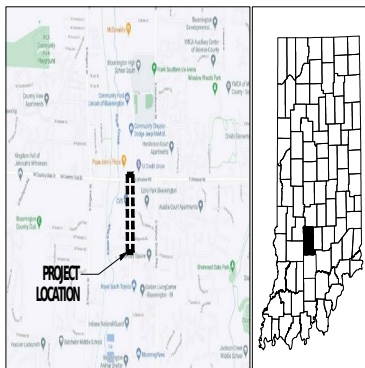
South Walnut Street, between Winslow and Pinewood  
Bloomington, IN 47401

### STAMPS & APPROVALS:

PRELIMINARY  
NOT FOR  
CONSTRUCTION

## SPECIFICATIONS

REFER TO: PROJECT MANUAL  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS 2020 AND  
SUPPLEMENTS THERETO



**PROJECT LOCATION MAPS**  
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CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

PROJECT NO. 10525 - SOUTH WALNUT STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

## **Urban Forester Report**

### **October 2021**

#### *Recent Activities/Events:*

- Awarded \$8,000 from IDNR Community and Urban Forestry Grant program for creation of an urban forestry storm response plan – work to start in 2022 with matching budget funding
- 12 Trees Sent to Streets for Removal:
  - 608 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St – 30” Sugar Maple
  - 515 – 519 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St – 18”, 21”, 22” Sugar Maples
  - 3925 E Stonegate Dr – 10” Callery Pear
  - 2214 E Wimbleton – approx.. 16” Elm
  - 2217 E Wimbleton – approx.. 5” Redbud
  - 3307 S Forrester St – 12” Red Maple
  - 2900 E David Dr – 21” Callery Pear
  - 202 E 6<sup>th</sup> St – 15” Callery Pear
  - 1200 W Woodhill Dr – Callery Pear
  - 1636 S Ira Dr – 5” Oak
- Fall Planting
  - City Hall (2)
  - 400 N Washington St (3)
  - 701 N College (2)

#### *Upcoming Activities/Events:*

- Matlock Heights Fall Planting Event –Saturday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, volunteer planting date with CanopyBloomington
- Fall Planting – various locations

#### *Ongoing Activities:*

- Marking and Removal of hazard trees
- Tree Planting
- Utility marking and Site evaluations for Bicentennial Bond plantings by DRG