



Agenda

City of Bloomington Tree Commission
Monday March 21, 2022, 10 – 11 AM
Switchyard Park, Seating Bosque

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Introduction

1. Introductions of everyone on the Tree Commission: Urban Forester, current members, and new members. Background and interests in trees and public education.

Consent agenda

2. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2022, meeting (attached)
3. Next meeting will be Monday, April 18, 10am, Switchyard Park

Discussions and Presentations

4. Public comment, if any
5. Engineering presentations, if any

Onboarding of new Tree Commission Members

6. City requirements for Board/ Commission members (Erin Hatch, Urban Forester, COB) Advisory body, not decision-making body; Public meetings, no private conversations or emails; Meet regularly; Create Minutes which are posted publicly; use Roberts Rules of Order; 3-year terms, appointed by specific bodies; We deal only with CITY trees, not private trees, not Monroe County trees. Mostly street trees, sometimes park trees as well.

7. What does the Tree Commission do? (Tree Commission members comment. Note: Many activities have been on hiatus the last two years due to pandemic.) Advise Urban Forester on issues related to trees, including species, canopy cover, etc.; Educate public about trees; Revise Tree Care Manual; Listen to and address concerns brought by public; Evaluate treatment of trees on City and other public project construction plans; Coordinate with other institutions concerned with trees, such as Indiana University, its staff, students, and faculty; Appear as representatives of the Tree Commission at city-sponsored events; Attend nature-related events such as Arbor Day, Nature Fair; Write recommendations for City grants; Educate ourselves by attending events such as the Urban Forestry webinar series.

8. Urban Forester's Report (Erin Hatch)
9. Tree issues at IU, if any (Mia Williams)
10. Report from Environmental Commission (Dave Parkhurst)

Old Business

11. Letters of thanks to Tom Coleman and to George Hegeman

New Business

12. New business, if any.

Additional announcements

Adjourn

The City of Bloomington Tree Commission was established by City Ordinance 92-48, section 12.24.230, adopted November 1992.

The Tree Commission recently completed the [fourth edition of the Bloomington Tree Care Manual](#).

Tree Commission Duties

- Advise City Landscaper (Urban Forester) on practices of urban forestry,
- Assist the City Landscaper (Urban Forester) in formulating policies and procedures of urban forestry and formulating procedures for administering the provisions of this chapter,
- Promote public education on the proper selection, planting, and care of trees by assisting in composing a manual and by other means,
- Assist the City Landscaper (Urban Forester) in efforts to fund and promote the acquisition and distribution of additional trees on public property and right-of-ways,
- Provide information and advice to the Board of Public Works on cases before it regarding trees or in adopting additional policies and practices relating to trees.

Statutory Authority: [BMC 2.20.150](#)

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