

The monthly meeting of the Town of Highland Tree Board will be held at 7:00 PM, May 19, 2022 at Town Hall and as a Zoom Meeting.

Richard Underkofler
Secretary

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Tree Board
Time: May 19, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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**Highland Tree Board Agenda for Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022 – 7 PM**

Roll Call:

Board Members: James Colias, Elizabeth Herrejon, Ron Jackowski, Joan Roback, Laura Steyer, Richard Underkofler, Bernie Zeman.

Invited Town Staff: Mark Herak, Clerk/Treasurer; Mark Knesek, Public Works Director; Tim Gembala, Public Works Operations Director; Alex Brown, Superintendent, Parks & Recreation Department; Trever Kinley, Parks Director.

Others: webupdates@theideafactory.us.com c/o Theresa Badovich; Ed Dabrowski, Zoom Meeting Host; Lance Ryskamp, Highland Community Foundation; Heather Oaks, Teacher/Sponsor Highland High School Sustainability Club; T. Hillemonds, Teacher/Sponsor Highland Middle School Science Club; Drew Hart, USDA, Forest Service; Samuel Vergara, The Student Conservation Association; Jennifer Birchfield, NIRPC; Rebecca Koetz, Lake County Extension Agent

Minutes: Request for a motion to approve minutes of the last meeting held April 21, 2022.

Old Business:

- a. Student Conservation Association (SCA) Plantings: Funding for SCA plantings is provided from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal Rivers Fund; its grant funding has been approved again for this year. The SCA has been asked to replace trees next Spring upon verification for SCA 2020 plantings that may have died at Merkley School and at White Oak Park. We've been asked to suggest Fall 2022 planting locations.

- b. CommuniTree Spring 2022 Application: Funding for the CommuniTree Grant Program is made possible through a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant awarded to the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission by the USDA Forest Service. This table identifies trees collected 4/14/2022.

Tree	Species	Number
Hornbeam, American (Blue Beech)	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	5
Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis lutea</i>	3
Tulip	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	8
Tupelo (Black Gum)	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	1
Hop Hornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	3
Oak, Chinquapin	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	5
Elm, American	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	5
	Total	30

Homeowners were emailed the list of tree`s received and asked to pick desired species. Jackowski and Underkofler met with Public Works Operations Director Tim Gembala to help formulate a worksheet to assist with assigning species to homeowner parkway locations. The Spring Planting Location Inventory may be available from Tim Gembala by the time of this meeting.

- c. Board Introduction/Solicitation Letters: Status report from Jim Colias.
- d. Tree Board Directory: Update list of current tree board members with home addresses, phone numbers and term expirations.

New Business:

- a. Streetscape Trees: Status Report Jackowski trees ready for donation and transplanting.
- b. SCA Fall 2022 Tree Planting Locations: Areas along the Jewett Street bike path from Kennedy Avenue to 5th Street and the American Legion right of way behind the downtown parking lot are suggested.
- c. Fall Community Planting/Pruning Seminars: Colias confirm venue, trainers, dates and time.

Discussion Topics: Comments from Board Members, the Public and/or Visitors: This item of business is confined to announcements of intention to bring a future action, or requests for the preparation of administrative work product for future consideration. In no instance may a matter for final action be taken up under this item of business.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2022. The Board is not scheduled to meet in July or August.

Adjournment