

The monthly meeting of the Town of Highland Tree Board will be held at 7:00 PM, June 16, 2022 at Town Hall and as a Zoom Meeting.

Richard Underkofler
Secretary

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Tree Board
Time: Jun 16, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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**Highland Tree Board Agenda for Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 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. Hillegonds, 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 May 19, 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 2022. The SCA has been asked to replace two trees this Spring for SCA 2020 plantings that died: an oak across from a vacant lot on the north side of 42nd Street at Merkley School; and an oak on the west side of White Oak Park. We've been asked to suggest other Fall 2022 planting locations.

- b. CommuniTree Spring 2022 Plantings: 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. The Spring planting location inventory may be available from Tim Gembala by the time of the meeting.
- c. Board Introduction/Solicitation Letters: Status report from Jim Colias.
- d. AT&T Fiber Optic Installation: Status report from Ron Jackowski whether maps are available showing where fiber has or will be installed that will hamper parkway plantings.

New Business:

- a. Streetscape Trees: Status Report from Ron Jackowski whether sites have been identified for transplanting his nursery trees.
- b. SCA Fall 2022 Tree Planting Locations: The SCA is asked to acquire and plant native evergreen trees in Fall 2022 for the beautification of the Ridge Road embankment around the municipal parking lot at the SW corner of Kennedy and Highway Avenues. Has funding been secured to clear the area of scrub trees and invasive vegetation?
- c. Fall Community Planting/Pruning Seminars: Jim Colias will 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: September 15, 2022. The Board is not scheduled to meet in July or August.

Adjournment