

The monthly meeting of the Town of Highland Tree Board will be held at 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Town Hall and as a Zoom Meeting.

Richard Underkofler
Secretary

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Tree Board
Time: Sep 15, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Highland Tree Board Agenda for Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 7 PM

Roll Call:

Board Members: James Colias, Elizabeth Herrejon, Ron Jackowski, Joan Roback, Laura Steyer, Richard Underkofler, Bernie Zemen. *Welcome Blane Roberts [mail:broberts1120@gmail.com], who is expected to succeed Bernie Zemen for a term that expires January 2024. Its presumed Bernie will remain Board Liaison.*

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 June 16, 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. We've been asked to suggest Fall 2022 SCA 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 Street Department will be collecting 20 trees September 29th for fall parkway plantings. They will be low growing species to avoid growing into overhead utility lines. The Spring 2022 planting location inventory provided by Tim Gembala is delivered with this agenda.
- c. Transplanting Trees: Status Report from Ron Jackowski re: sites identified for transplanting his backyard nursery replacing dead trees in street medians, at Merkley School & White Oak Park; and those requested by Elizabeth Herrejon, Bernie Zemen & Highland Christian School. "The tree we moved to Parrish @ Grand from my yard in 2021 has established very well there. I am hoping that most of them will still not be too hard to move since they average ~10-12' and ~1" caliper. Perfect transplant size. I tried to keep them root pruned this year so hopefully they should do similarly."
- d. Tree Species Recommendations: A Ron Jackowski update is delivered with this agenda.
- e. Beautification of the Embankment around the Downtown Parking Lot: A \$14,200 estimate was secured by Parks Director Trever Kinley from Dave's Tree Service for clearing the depot side of the embankment around the downtown parking lot of scrub trees and invasive vegetation. The Park Board asked for a contribution of two thirds of the clearing cost from the Redevelopment Commission and/or Town Council. Although the Park Board was willing to assume future maintenance expense of the area and one-third of the clearing cost, this Highland Neighbors for Sustainability proposal got scrubbed when the Commission and Council declined to fund a matching share. There is potential for a future T-Mobile Hometown Grant to underwrite a more extensive project along the northside of the Ridge Road embankment from Kennedy Avenue to 5th Street. Application deadlines in 2023 are: March 31, June 30, Sept 30 and Dec 30. [<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>]
- f. AT&T Fiber Optic Installation: Despite several inquiries, we have not been able to obtain maps showing where fiber has been installed that will hamper parkway plantings. We'll have to rely on utility locates.

New Business:

- a. Fall Community Tree Planting Seminar: An October 19th session will be held at the Highland Library.
- b. Tree class for Elementary Students: Jim Colias has been working with Rebecca Koetz, The Purdue Lake County Extension Educator. Rebecca suggested 2 classes of one hour each during a weekday. One class could be the life cycle of a tree and learning how we use wood products in everyday life. The second class could be identifying different kinds of trees and making a dichotomous key. Jim could also add a tree ID obstacle course with kids of all ages. Currently, Rebecca has available training time in October, but her schedule changes quickly. Our Lady of Grace is interested in a class for its 5th and 6th grade students and Highland Christian is interested for its kindergarten classes.
- c. Urban Forestry Webinar: Consider a Sep 27, 2022 1 PM webinar hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation about preserving tree canopy. The webinar will be 1 hour and 15 minutes and will be recorded and shared with registrants following the event. Register at https://arborday.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ioVZ7S5KSh6E_Aq64kIDqQ

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: October 20, 2022.

Adjournment

Communitree Spring 2022 Tree Planting Work Plan

Address	Total # Trees	Hornbeam(BI Beech)	Yellowwood	Tulip	Tupelo(Black Gum)	Hop hornbeam	Oak, Chinquapin	Elm, American	Notes	Spring	Contact Name	Phone #
8842 Branton	1	1									Blane Roberts	7735043707
8939 Cott Grove Ave	1	1									Jim DalSanto	2199221002
9419 Parkway Dr	2	2									Brenda Sharp	2197946827
2604 40th St	2					2					Jenny Skullz	2192561561
9225 Idlewild	1			1							Brian Wright	wrightbg@attne
3436 Laporte	2		2								Michele Lyczak	7087684901
3511 Jewett	1			1							Donna Krucek	2196808142
3528 Jewett	2			1	1						Linda Strnage	2198382932
3518 Jewett	2			2							Michael Gard	2199234941
3525 Jewett	2		1			1					Lisa Markovich	lmarkov@yahoo
3512 Jewett	3			3							Curt Sjoquist	curt.sjoquistgma
3520 Jewett	2						1	1			Nicholas Rivera	
2145 Northwood Ln	1						1		replacement tree			
9047 Pettit	1							1			Joshua Gere	2195454963
XXXX Homestead Park	2						2				Trevor Kinley	2197189443
3517 Jewett Ave	2							2			Valorie Keeler	7082688824
2035 Cedar Circle	1			1							Marilyn Majchrowicz	2198360951
3030 44th street	1							1			Julie Click	
3727 38th street	1						1				Shawn Anderson	2197120621
	0											
	0											
	0											

30 Total Requested 4 3 9 1 3 5 5

30 Available 4 3 9 1 3 5 5

Quantity Remaining 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Total Remaining all trees 0

APPROVED DECIDUOUS				APPROVED DECIDUOUS (cont.)				APPROVED EVERGREEN				NOT APPROVED			
Name	Planting Rank	Size	Site	Name	Planting Rank	Size	Site	Name	Planting Rank	Size	Site	Name	Issue	Native To	Size
Bald Cypress	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Hornbeam - European	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Any	Fir - Douglas	1 - Abundant	Large	Parks	Alanthus	I, E	Asia	Large
Elm - Hybrid	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Maple - Miyabei	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Parks	Maple - Japanese	3 - Limited	Small	Parks	Amur Corktree	I, E	Asia	Small
Elm - Frontier	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Maple - Paperbark	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Parks	Cedar - Eastern Red	1 - Abundant	Medium	Parks	Alder	I, E	Europe	Medium
Elm - Princeton	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Maple - Shantung	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Parks	Fir - Concolor	1 - Abundant	Medium	Parks	Apple - Crab		Various	Small
Hackberry	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Maple - Triflorum	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Parks	Pine - White	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks	Ash - Any	D	USA	Large
Linden - American	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Oak - Crimson Spire	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Any	Spruce - Blue	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks	Boxelder	Invasive	USA	Medium
Linden - Littleleaf	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Sassafras	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Parks	Spruce - Norway	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks	Buckthorn	I, E	Europe	Shrub
Locust - Honey	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Cherry - Ornamental	2 - Abundant selective	Small	Parks	Spruce - Spp	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks	Burning Bush	I, E	Asia	Shrub
Maple - Armstrong	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Magnolia - Saucer	2 - Abundant selective	Small	Parks	Hemlock - Spp	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Parks	Cherry - Black / Pin	X	USA	Large
Maple - Autumn Blaze	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Beech - American	3 - Limited	Large	Parks	Juniper - Common	2 - Abundant selective	Medium	Parks	Cottonwood	L	USA	Large
Maple - Bowhall	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Beech - European	3 - Limited	Large	Parks	Arborvitae	2 - Abundant selective	Small	Parks	Elm - American	D	USA	Large
Maple - Red	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Buckeye - Ohio	3 - Limited	Large	Parks	Pine - Mugo	2 - Abundant selective	Small	Parks	Elm - Siberian	I, E	Asia	Large
Maple - Sugar	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Buckeye - Yellow	3 - Limited	Large	Parks	Yew	2 - Abundant selective	Small	Parks	Honeysuckle	I, E	Asia	Shrub
Oak - Hill's (Northern Pin)	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Catalpa	3 - Limited	Large	Parks	Pine - Austrian	3 - Limited	Medium	Parks	Maple - Crimson King	I, E	Europe	Large
Oak - Northern Red	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Hickory - Mockernut	3 - Limited	Large	Parks					Maple - Norway	I, E	Europe	Large
Oak - Pin	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Hickory - Pecan	3 - Limited	Large	Parks					Maple - Silver	I, L, W	USA	Large
Oak - Scarlet	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Hickory - Pignut	3 - Limited	Large	Parks					Mulberry - White	I, E	Asia	Large
Oak - Shumard	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Hickory - Shagbark	3 - Limited	Large	Parks					Pear - Callery	I, E, W	Asia	Medium
Oak - Swamp White	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Hickory - Spp	3 - Limited	Large	Parks					Poplar		USA	Large
Planetree - London	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Larch	3 - Limited	Large	Parks					Poplar-White	I, E	Eurasia	Large
Redwood - Dawn	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Locust - Black	3 - Limited	Large	???					Princess Tree	I, E	Asia	Large
Sycamore - American	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Oak - White	3 - Limited	Large	Parks					Russian Olive	I, E	Asia	Medium
Tuliptree	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Mountain Ash	3 - Limited	Medium	Parks					Walnut	X	USA	Large
Zelkova	1 - Abundant	Large	Any	Buckeye - Red	3 - Limited	Small	Any					Willow	R	USA	Various
Birch - River	1 - Abundant	Medium	Parks	Maple - Amur/Hedge	3 - Limited	Small	Any								
Birch - White	1 - Abundant	Medium	Parks	Maple - Japanese	3 - Limited	Small	Parks								
Blackgum / Tupelo	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Witch Hazel	3 - Limited	Small	Parks								
Elm - Lacebark (Chinese)	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Chestnut - Chinese	4 - Occasional	Large	Parks								
Hornbeam - American	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Pagodatree	4 - Occasional	Large	???								
Ironwood	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Amur-Maackia	4 - Occasional	Medium	???								
Ironwood - Persian	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Hardy Rubber Tree	4 - Occasional	Medium	???								
Katsura	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Hazelnut - Turkish	4 - Occasional	Medium	???								
Oak - Chinquapin	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Oak - English	4 - Occasional	Medium	???								
Oak - Shingle	1 - Abundant	Medium	Any	Pear - Edible	4 - Occasional	Medium	Parks								
Dogwood	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Raintree - Golden	4 - Occasional	Medium	Parks								
Hawthorn - Spp	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Seventh-Son Flower	4 - Occasional	Medium	Parks								
Hawthorn - Cockspur	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Yellowwood	4 - Occasional	Medium	???								
Redbud - American	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Apple - Edible	4 - Occasional	Small	Parks								
Serviceberry - Spp	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Lilac - Japanese	4 - Occasional	Small	Any								
Serviceberry - Allegheny	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Lilac - Shrub	4 - Occasional	Small	Parks								
Serviceberry - Common	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Nectarine	4 - Occasional	Small	Parks								
Serviceberry - Apple	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Peach	4 - Occasional	Small	Parks								
Stewartia	1 - Abundant	Small	Any	Plum - Spp	4 - Occasional	Small	Parks								
Ginkgo	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Any	Rose of Sharon	4 - Occasional	Small	???								
Horsechestnut	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Any	Smoketree	4 - Occasional	Small	???								
Kentucky Coffeetree	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Any												
Magnolia - Cucumber	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks												
Oak - Bur	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks												
Persimmon	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks												
Sweetgum	2 - Abundant selective	Large	Parks												

Planting Rank 1-4: Abundant to Occasional
 All on Graf list with some additions
 Blue - adds to Graf list or detail of Graf "Spp" lines
 Green-shaded - preferred to non-shaded
 Yellow - watch for species or environment effect