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Topic: Town of Highland - Tree Board

Time: Apr 15, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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**Highland Tree Board  
Agenda for Regular Meeting  
Thursday, April 15, 2020 – 7 PM**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

James Colias; Ron Jackowski; Terry Krooswyk; Joan Roback; Connie Sherbondy; Richard Underkofler; Judy Vaughn

Invited Town Council Members: Mark Schocke, Council Liaison

Invited Town Staff:

Michael Griffin, Clerk/Treasurer; Kathy DeGuillo-Fox, Redevelopment Director; Mark Knesek, Public Works Director; Brian Bell, Street Department; Trever Kinley, Parks Director; David Ferrara, Parks Department

Others: Ed Dabrowski, Zoom Meeting Host; [webupdates@theideafactory.us.com](mailto:webupdates@theideafactory.us.com) c/o Robin Carlascio & Theresa Badovich; Lance Ryskamp, Highland Community Foundation; Michael Burns, Highland High School, Environmental Sustainability Club

2. Minutes: Request for a motion to approve minutes of the last meeting held March 18, 2021.

3. Old Business:

- a. Board Chair: At a Town Council meeting held March 22, 2021, Council President Roger Sheeman “appointed Jim Colias, a member of the Tree Board as its chairperson, pursuant to HMC Section 8.25.030(c).”

- b. Student Conservation Association (SCA) Plantings: An onsite meeting with SCA and Forest Service representatives to discuss proposed project locations, species, quantities, and priorities for 2021 plantings was delayed awaiting a decision whether the Park Department will maintain trees proposed for the downtown parking lot located near the southwest corner of the intersection of Highway and Kennedy Avenue.
  - c. 2021 Arbor Day: Indiana celebrates Arbor Day April 30<sup>th</sup> this year (always the last Friday in April). An event is not necessary to qualify for Tree City recognition if Covid-19 limits participation. However, a Town Council Arbor Day Proclamation is required. See attachment. Underkofler asked if seedlings may be granted from NIPSCO and the State Nursery for distribution at Park Pride Day, Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and thereafter at a Parks or Public Works Drive-thru Event for which volunteers will be needed.
  - d. Tree City USA: A package of 2nd Year Recognition Materials was received from the Department of Forestry, Indiana DNR – a 4'x6' Flag; a Brass Maple Leaf for a Plaque Attachment; and two '2 Years' Sign Stickers. They were presented to the Town Council April 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. New Business:
- a. Jim Colias Initiatives:
    - Resumed posting timely articles by urban foresters of Purdue and the Morton Arboretum on the Tree Board Facebook Site.
    - Emailed a suggested form to each board member to be used for submitting brief biographical information and a photo to be periodically posted on the Board's Facebook Site. Photos are needed from Terry Krooswyk, Joan Roback, Connie Sherbondy and Judy Vaughn.
    - Introduced himself to Ms. Oaks, teacher sponsor of the High School Environmental Sustainability Club and sent videos to club officers by Purdue's Lindsey Purcell: "Choosing Your Tree" ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilaYvtqY7-l](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilaYvtqY7-l)); "Planting a Tree" ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5rUgd7BmiA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5rUgd7BmiA)); and "Planting Too Deep" ([www.purdue.edu/fnr/extension/planting-problems-planting-too-deep/](http://www.purdue.edu/fnr/extension/planting-problems-planting-too-deep/))
    - Confirmed Lindsey Purcell is willing to come to Highland and provide a community presentation on a desired tree care topic.
    - Reached out to administrators of the Town's Website (Robin Carlascio & Theresa Badovich d/b/a Idea Factory) requesting a link to the Board Facebook site and other methods to increase the number of its followers.
  - b. Discussion Topics:
    - Review Board purpose and establish member assignments.
    - 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.
5. Next Meeting: May 20, 2021
6. Adjournment