

The monthly meeting of the Town of Highland Tree Board will be held October 21, 2021 in the Building Department Meeting Room at Town Hall beginning at 7:00 PM, but since there is insufficient space there to maintain pandemic social distancing, a Zoom Meeting has been scheduled for persons to observe and participate.

Richard Underkofler
Secretary

Topic: Town of Highland IN - Tree Board
Time: Oct 21, 2021, 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Highland Tree Board
Agenda for Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 2020 – 7 PM

1. Roll Call:

Board Members: Michael Burns, James Colias, Ron Jackowski, Sarah Krick, Terry Krooswyk, Joan Roback; Richard Underkofler

Invited Town Council Members: Mark Schocke, Council Liaison; Roger Sheeman, Council President

Others: webupdates@theideafactory.us.com c/o Theresa Badovich; Ed Dabrowski, Zoom Meeting Host; Lance Ryskamp, Highland Community Foundation; Heather Oaks, High School Environmental Sustainability Club; T. Hillegonds, Middle School Science Club; Drew Hart, USDA, Forest Service; Daiva Gylys and Samuel Vergara, The Student Conservation Association

Invited Town Staff: Michael Griffin, Clerk/Treasurer; Mark Knesek, Public Works Director; Tim Gembala, Public Works Operations Director; Alex Brown, Superintendent Parks & Recreation Department; Trever Kinley, Parks Director; Aaron Strombreck, Parks Tree Crew Leader

2. Minutes: Request for a motion to approve minutes of the last meeting held September 16, 2021.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Student Conservation Association (SCA) Plantings. The SCA pledged to water and care for trees they've planted for as long as it receives grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal Rivers Fund. In the future, property owners receiving trees must pledge to water and care for them. The SCA has been requested to replace one tree that died at Merkley School and three trees that died at White Oak Park. The SCA plans Fall 2021 plantings behind the Central Fire Station, along the 4th and Conduit Street parkways near the Fire Station and along Highway Avenue from Delaware to Cline Avenue.
 - b. CommuniTree Fall 2021 Application: Funding for the CommuniTree Community Tree 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. 48 trees were anticipated, but only 43 were received. A list identifying the species and planting locations may be received by the time of this meeting.
 - c. Community Forestry Presentations: Colias update of contact with Lindsey Purcell.
 - d. Introduction/Solicitation Letters: At previous meetings Colias and Underkofler distributed draft letters to members for suggested changes. Copies are distributed with this agenda.
4. New Business/Successor Board Members: Michael Burns and Sarah Krick expect to be leaving town to further their education before their terms expire. Sara reported she would recruit other High School Sustainability Club members to succeed them.
5. 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.
6. Next Meeting: November 18, 2021
7. Adjournment