

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board
Committee Meeting: Wednesday April 8, 2015 @ 7:00PM
City Council Chambers**

Proposed Agenda

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and approve minutes: Minutes from the February meeting.

2. Public Comments/Concerns: Open to public for comments and concerns;
5 minutes per person time limit.

3. Board Appointments:
(Elect Officers & discuss
Board member terms) Chairperson: _____
Vice Chair Person: _____
Secretary: _____

5. Storm Water Issues: Tom Palmer; City of North Liberty Building Official
Update on Home Builders Association regarding Storm Water
Any Storm Water issues or concerns not on the agenda.

6. Tree City USA Award: (19 yrs.) Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon & Workshop.
Thursday April 9th at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnson, IA.
Discuss Board attendance.

7. Bike Trail & Muddy Creek
Clean Up Day: Trail Clean up date set for April 11th.
Meet at the Rec Center 9:00 am.
(Discuss Tree Board and Public participation)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Business:
Issues from past meetings.

CONCLUSION:

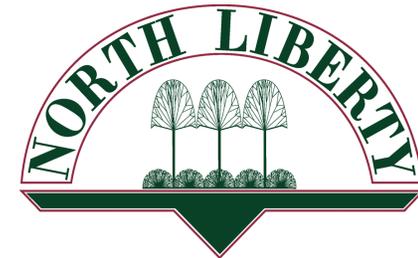
1. Next meeting: Next Meeting: July 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm. City Council Chambers.
Meeting Quarterly: (January, April, July, October)

2. Adjourn:

Bike Trail & Muddy Creek Clean-Up

The Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board with assistance from Boy Scout Troop 216 and Cub Scout Pack 216 & 275 will be leading this clean-up day to remove debris along Big Muddy Creek and the bike trail.

Public involvement, participation and education of storm water pollution prevention and management is the goal of this event!



For more information, please call the Parks Department at 626-5720.

In observance of Keep America Beautiful Day, please join Boy Scout Troop 216 and Cub Scout Pack 216 & 275, City Staff, and the Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board for this event!

Sat., April 11, 2015

9:00AM

Meet @ Rec. Center



Volunteers Needed!

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board
Minutes of Wednesday February 11, 2015 meeting
City Council Chambers.**

Meeting called to order: 7:00

Present: Guy Goldsmith, Thomas Stoeffler, Malinda Allen, JoAnn Greene, Tom Palmer

Absent: Gary McDowell, Darice Baxter, Bill Minor.

New Business:

1. Review and approve minutes: Minutes approved
2. Public Comments/ Concerns: NO COMMENTS.
3. Welcome new board member: JoAnn Greene, Moved to North Liberty in 2008 Was an electrician for 34 years for IBEW 405. Very interested in the community and this board and wants to be an asset to the group.
4. Board Appointments: (Elect Officers & discuss Board member terms). Decided to table till all members are present for the April meeting.
5. Storm Water Issues: Opened to public comment on the issue. **Lucy Hershburger;** Forevergreen owner. 33 yrs. Of landscaping business, very familiar with storm water issues attended lots of classes and taught some also. Commenting that North Liberty making good decision to set a 4" standard of top soil. Stating contractors say 3-5 thousand dollars of cost, she thinks half that in her business experience. **Dwayne Miller;** 30 years lived by Oakdale but building a house in Fox Valley, he has asked his contractor for 6", how can that be regulated? **Tom Palmer;** commented that would be between Dwayne and his contractor at this point. **Glenn Siders;** North Liberty resident over 45 years. Cost with construction, with preserving from the start on site, cost is way higher. Home builders association had a vote and went with EPA standard at past times in Iowa City. He advises city to wait and see what comes of new EPA standards, and if a new law comes of it in July. Glenn would not be in favor of anything that goes over and above that new standard of EPA and DNR. **Tim Ruth;** Home Builders Association; of Iowa City President. agreeing with Glenn Siders and urging City to wait and see what new standards are first. **Tom Palmer;** Acknowledging the City did receive several letters in favor of some kind of top soil requirement. **Glenn Siders;** to suggest if and when come up with a rule or requirement to have another forum with builders, landscapers, associations to find a do-able compromise before turning to attorney to make an ordinance. **Lucy Hershburger;** echoing Glenn's comment. **Thomas Stoeffler;** Agreed that would be the next step. **Tom Palmer,** City staff, engineers, Administration is going to write own rule for its requirements, then come to the group and compromise. **Malinda Allen;** Commenting she rather not wait for State, EPA, DNR for legislature to happen. Cost either way is going to happen to make improvements, and this top soil rules is something that's good for North Liberty, and will have to come up with a balance.
6. Tree City USA Award: (19 years). Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon & Workshop. Thursday April 9th at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, IA.
Guy Goldsmith; Anyone want to attend? Up to 3 can attend. **Malinda Allen, JoAnn Greene;** both saying would like to attend. **Guy Goldsmith;** Will send email to rest of

members to find a 3rd.

7. Bike Trail & Muddy Creek Clean-Up Day: Trail Clean up date for April 11th. Meet at Rec Center 9:00 am. **Guy Goldsmith**; Boy and Cub Scouts on board like in the past. Good to do before spring growth. **Thomas Stoeffler**; All public is welcome to help also.

8. Tree Ordinance: Tree Ordinance has been approved and adopted by City Council. **Guy Goldsmith**; Good thing for the City, will help to have done with EAB coming through. **Malinda Allen**; Asked if right away trees existing currently, if be grandfathered in? **Guy Goldsmith**; Yes, Grandfathered in but no new plantings in those areas.

Malinda Allen; Extended invite to all board members for food pantry ribbon cutting, and winner of naming the garden contest and planting 4 fruit trees, April 25th 2-5PM.

Old Business:

1. Old Business: Issues from past meetings. NONE

CONCLUSION:

Next meeting: April 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm at City Council Chambers, (#1 Quail Creek Circle)

Meeting adjourned: 7:34pm.