

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board
Committee Meeting: Wednesday October 14, 2015 @ 7:00PM
City Council Chambers**

Proposed Agenda

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

4. MidAmerican Energy: *Trees Please Grant* Finished the application for the 2016 *Tree Please Grant* and sent in. Funding requested for the West Lakes Park area.

5. Alliant Energy Operation ReLeaf Discussion on the upcoming October 24th Operation ReLeaf Residential Tree Program.

6. Storm Water Issues: Tom Palmer; City of North Liberty Building Official
Report on the "Compliance Visit" by the Iowa DNR for MS4 Permitting.

Any Storm Water issues or concerns not on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Any issues from past meetings.

CONCLUSION:

1. Next meeting: Next Meeting: January 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm. City Council Chambers.
Meeting Quarterly: (January, April, July, October)

2. Adjourn:

North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board

Minutes of Wednesday July 8, 2015 meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:00

Present: Guy Goldsmith, Malinda Allen, Gary McDowell, Darice Baxter, JoAnn Greene

Absent: Thomas Stoeffler

New Business:

1. Review and approve minutes: Minutes approved.
2. Open to public for comments and concerns: No comments or concerns brought forward.
3. Board Appointments (Discussion & Appointment Secretary): Chair Person: Thomas Stoeffler. Vice Chair: Gary McDowell Secretary: JoAnn Greene
4. Tree Planting West Lake Park
Guy Goldsmith: Trees looking good.
Would like to apply for a grant next year for another 12 trees for West Lake Park.

5. Operation Releaf

Alliant Energy (sponsored by the DNR) will provide trees to North Liberty Residents at a reduced cost. The trees will be distributed on October 24 from about 8 am to 10 am. Guy Goldsmith would like help from committee members to help distribute trees. There will be order forms around town for residents to preorder and prepay for trees.

6. Storm Water Issues:

Tom Palmer City of North Liberty inspector discussed the meetings he had with HBA and the developers on preserving topsoil requirements. He met with the HBA of Iowa City in April and then again recently as the Developers felt they were not well represented at the April meeting. The HBA and the Developers want a policy that would preserve the topsoil that is in the development and not have a recommended minimum of top soil required.

The Developers would remove the topsoil and rip up a minimum of 12 inches of compacted soil. The saved top soil would then be return to the sites. The Builder would remove and save existing top soil. Then they would return the soil, rototill the top 6 inches and lightly compact soil with turf roller.

Committee members discussed Tom Palmers proposal from the HBA and Developers.

Bryce Doulton , a lawyer for HBA, spoke to the committee. The HBA agreed with the recently modified code by the state to preserve the top soil was sufficient, to require more would add additional cost to the Home builders.

Members felt that they did not have enough information to make a recommendation.

Malinda Allen asked to receive by email a copy of the proposal drawn up by the HBA and the developers and a copy of Coralville's top soil ordinances.

It was agreed that the committee members would receive the information and then have special meeting to decide on the top soil ordinance.

7. JoAnn Greene introduced a proposal to educate the North Liberty residents on trees and storm water practices on the North Liberty Facebook page. The members agreed to impeditment the idea.

8. Old Business:

None



**OPERATION RELEAF RESIDENTIAL TREE ORDER
Johnson County
Fall 2015**

TO ORDER, complete this form and mail with your payment to:

City of North Liberty
PO Box 77
North Liberty, IA 52317
Phone: (319) 626-5720. Email: ggoldsmith@northlibertyiowa.org

Alliant Energy's Operation ReLeaf is a program to help Alliant Energy customers save energy in their homes using trees to provide shade during the summer and create wind breaks during the winter. *For maximum energy efficiency, shade trees should be planted within 30 feet of the east and west and evergreens should be planted as a windbreak on the north and west of your home.*

Call 811 before you dig.

811 is the national phone number that initiates the free process of locating and marking the underground utility lines in your yard. It is required by law that you contact 811, Iowa One Call 1-800-292-8989 or iowaonecall.com at least three business days before you dig.



Alliant Energy customers are eligible to purchase up to two trees for \$25 each (average retail cost per tree is \$65.00) with the remaining cost funded through a grant from Alliant Energy). Advance purchase is recommended. In the event that additional trees are available on distribution day, they will be released for purchase at 8:00 AM on a first come/first served basis or until all trees are sold. **Trees must be picked up on 10/24/2015 between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM at [North Liberty Community Center](#) (520 West Cherry Street, North Liberty).** Any trees not picked up by 9:30 AM on distribution day will be considered a donation to the City of North Liberty.

Trees are non-refundable, exchanges will not be accepted, and plant material is under no warranty and/or guarantee.

In exchange for the Customer's participation in this program, Customer agrees that Alliant Energy, Iowa DNR, or City of North Liberty shall not be liable, in contract, tort, and strict liability otherwise, for any damages arising out of the administration of this program. Alliant Energy makes no warranties, expressed or implied, with respect to any material supplied under this program. Operation ReLeaf is a partnership initiative funded by Alliant Energy and administered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources - Bureau of Forestry and the City of North Liberty.

Complete the application below and mail by 10/16/2015 with a check for \$25 (for one tree) or \$50 (for two trees) payable to City of North Liberty. No credit card or cash orders, please.

Don't purchase a tree that will be doomed to an early death by improper planting; attend a short **free workshop** to learn the most common errors that will kill your tree! Workshop begins at 8:45 AM To register, send an e-mail to laura.wagner@dnr.iowa.gov

TREES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (230 trees available) - Shade trees are 5-8 feet tall in 7 -10 gallon containers; Conifers and ornamentals are 3 - 5 feet tall.

Ginkgo [Presidential Gold Hackberry](#)

Honeylocust [Northern Acclaim](#)

Littleleaf Linden [Glenleven Chinkapin Oak Swamp White Oak](#)

[Kentucky Coffeetree American Hophornbeam Star Magnolia Royal Star](#)

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Please fill in the tree species in order of preference. **List only those tree(s) you are willing to accept.**

Tree #1	
1 st Choice	
2 nd Choice	

Tree #2	
1 st Choice	
2 nd Choice	

Name (Please print)		Address	
City		State	Zip
Daytime Phone No. ()		Evening Phone No. ()	
Email Address		Amount Enclosed	

I am an Alliant Energy customer. I understand and agree to pick up my tree(s) on 10/24/2015 between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM at 520 West Cherry Street in North Liberty. I also agree to plant my tree(s) immediately at the address listed above, give my tree(s) on-going care, and to not move any mulch received at the event outside of the distribution county. I understand the tree(s) are under no warranty or guarantee.

Signature	Date
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