

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board
Committee Meeting: Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 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.

3. MidAmerican Energy: *Trees Please Grant* Update on the 2016 *Tree Please Grant* application.
\$1000 for West Lakes Park.

4. Alliant Energy Operation ReLeaf Recap of the October 24th Operation ReLeaf
Residential Tree Program.

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

Any Tree or Storm Water issues /concerns not on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Any issues from past meetings.

CONCLUSION:

1. Next meeting: Next Meeting: April 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