

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board
Committee Meeting: Wednesday October 12, 2016 @ 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. Board Appointments: Chairperson: Tom Stoeffler
Need to appoint Vice Chair Person: Gary McDowell
Secretary: _____

4. 2017 MidAmerican *Trees Please* Grant: Finished the application for the 2017 *Tree Please Grant*
and sent in. Funding requested for the Fox Valley area.

5. West Lakes Tree Planting: We finished planting trees at West Lakes. This was funded in part
By the 2016 MidAmerican *Trees Please* Grant.

6. Storm Water Issues: Tom Palmer; City of North Liberty Building Official
Discuss the proposed IDNR changes to the general permit #2

7. Any Tree or Storm Water Issues/concerns not on the agenda:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Business:
Issues/concerns from past meetings:

CONCLUSION:

1. Next meeting: Next Meeting: January 11, 2017 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 13, 2016 meeting
City Council Chambers.**

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm.

Present: Guy Goldsmith, Thomas Stoeffler, Gary McDowell, Darice Baxter, Derrick Parker, Tom Palmer

Absent: JoAnn Greene

Minutes taken by: Tim Hamer

New Business:

1. Review and approve minutes: Minutes approved

2. Welcome our newest member: Derrick Parker

- Derrick- Moved to North Liberty in 2004, work at ACT. Thought this would be a good way to get involved.

3. Public Comments/ Concerns: NO COMMENTS

4. Board Appointments:

(Elect Officers & discuss board member terms)

Chairperson: _____

Vice Chair Person: _____

Secretary: _____

- Darice- moved to wait till all members present.
- Tom & Gary- both agreed to continue chair and vice chair roles they are in.
- Darice- Motion to approve Tom as Chair and Gary as Vice-Chair, and ask JoAnn through email if she would like to continue being secretary.
- Gary- 2nd the motion.
- All members passed the motion.

5. Mid-American Energy: Trees Please Grant. We ordered trees for West Lakes Park to fulfill the Tree Please Grant funding. Looking at a September planting.

- Guy- Ordered trees, looking at September planting at West Lakes. Also Fox Valley got new trees left from North Liberty Tree Sale. 30 some trees.
- Gary- Asked if trees had wrap.
- Guy- Not for sure but we will definitely make sure they do to help with beaver protection.

6. Storm Water Issues: Tom Palmer; City of North Liberty Building Official Any Storm Water issues or concerns not on the agenda.

- Tom Palmer- Top soil requirements for new construction. Council passed an ordinance. Have seen a lot of improvements. New houses and the newest school planting seed and it coming right up and take off. Before was just a lot of weed growth.

- Darice- Asked if a lot are doing soil amendments.
- Tom Palmer- Response with contractors have to stock pile the top soil in subdivisions then scarify down 12" and placing the amount of top soil the engineers have specified was there at the start. Then house contractors come in strip back soil build house, then scarify 6" and replace top soil again.
- Guy- asked if top soil grant still active.?
- Tom Palmer- 80 some apps for it, \$90,000 of \$300,000 used so plenty of money left out there.
- Darice- Is it called top soil grant or soil amendment?
- Tom Palmer- Soil Amendment they deep tine aerate, the top dress the amended soil.
- Guy- Still can apply so anyone interested please apply. The application is on the city website under tree and storm water.
- Gary- Time when program expires?
- Tom Palmer- Probably through this year yet.
- Guy- Quality Care or Forever-Green can do the work.
- Tom Palmer- One other thing, new GP2 requirements. Group meeting on rules. DNR saying they want to shorten time frame on getting ground stabilization done on construction sites.
- Darice- DNR also mentioned they are going to clear up a lot of the gray area rules. Also mentioned is there may be a more efficient way for information n out with residents water bills on soil amendments benefits and cost re-imburements? Also maybe at next Blues and BBQ showing benefits of it at a booth.
- Tom Stoeffler- Agreed there are a lot of good programs and we need to find out how to get info out there.
- Darice- ISWEB- Contact them and use them as a great tool for the information on a banner.

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

- Guy- Storm damages lately- Parkview was a big one. Fencing damages also. However a lot of the fences were 30-40 feet past their property lines so the city was not responsible for fixing them.
- Gary- Heading to Quad Cities lots of tree trimming going on. 12,000 people without power.
New Subject:
- Gary- Also doing lots of gas clearance transmission through North Liberty, so big trees in way maybe removed.
- Derrick- What doing along bike trail through town?
- Gary- Piping runs along trail, 400feet of distance, makes a big project of clear cutting a 25 foot path, so trees don't damage gas piping underground. Project not to start till October 1st to avoid Indiana Bat times.

Old Business:

1. Old Business: Issues from past meetings. None

CONCLUSION:

Next meeting: October 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm at City Council Chambers, (#1 Quail Creek Circle)
Meeting Quarterly: (January, April, July, October)
Meeting adjourned: 7:29pm.