

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday October 10, 2018
Proposal of Agenda**

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00PM

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve minutes from meeting (s) of: Minutes from July 10 meeting.

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

3. Board Appointments: Appoint: Chair: _____
Board Discussion to appoint: Vice Chair: _____
Secretary: _____

4. Trees Please Grant: Update on 2018 MidAmerican Energy *Trees Please* Grant tree planting
Creekside Park.

5. Tree City USA: Will be applying for the 2019 Tree City USA Award recognition. Deadline is
December 31, 2018.

6. Storm Water: Mike Wolfe: City of North Liberty Storm Water Coordinator. Update on
various storm water items. Guy Goldsmith: Update on Goose
Lake.

7. Any new issues not on the agenda?

OLD BUSINESS:

CONCLUSION:

1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Location: City Council Chambers
Meeting Quarterly: (January, April, July, October)

2. Adjourn:

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board
Minutes of Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 Meeting
City Council Chambers**

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm.

Present: Ben Curtis, Derrick Parker, Eric Beck, Jessica Marks, Guy Goldsmith, Darice Baxter, Mike Wolfe

Absent:

N/A

Minutes taken by: Derrick Parker

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and approve minutes: Minutes from the April meeting. One correction for the Jan meeting minutes was the approval of the minutes by Eric instead of Hunter. Derrick motioned to approve with Darice seconded. Motion approved.
2. Welcome Ben Curtis to the board. Went to Drake for his undergrad for environmental policy and worked for the DNR, Public Health, completed his grad work with UI. He works with ISWEP on projects, now lives in the West Lakes area and has worked on multiple environmental projects. He will bring information to the group on ISWEP
3. Board appointments – with Jessica not attending, motioned to move appointments until October meeting. Derrick to motion with second from Darice. Motion carried. Will maintain the same positions until next meeting.
4. Storm water project – work planned for July 24-27th. City has purchased the paint and the city will prep the areas. The streets the department will do the prep work (power wash). Project moving forward with the communications department doing some publications of the work. Work focused on the Liberty Center area. Designs are approved with Mike reviewing.
5. Update from Mike Wolfe on the update assistance (DNR). Joe Griffin stopped in and was pleased with the information the city provided. He will send us a draft of the information shared. Should get a copy of the report and will share with the commissioners. Examples include fertilizer plans for the city and top soil management. A private group is taking bacteria from Muddy Creek with a hope to remove the creek from the DNR's list.
Mike is also tracking the city retention ponds. He samples from the deepest points in the pond. He will keep this on record.
6. Added topic of Beaver Creek – the ponds are looking a little worse this year. The blue-green algae levels are heavier this year due to the temps. Mike is considering bringing in an expert and talking with the landowners. Considering a floating island to remove nutrient levels but not sure how much it would help. The riparian buffers are not part of the cities grant program today. Heavy rains would over run the buffers as well. Grass clippings are another problem when they wash into the streams. Mike is looking into ultra sound floating islands. The ponds with the most of the blue green are privately owned with a few exceptions. The city does not fertilize around Westlake area for example and leaves some wild areas as buffers.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on the Midamerican Trees please grant – Guy is looking at where they will be planting. The original grant was approved upon a location which we cannot plant on. Trees Please group is aware and accepting the change.
2. Emerald Ash bore is not currently around the town but the Japanese beetles are hitting the trees now.

CONCLUSION:

1. Next meeting: Oct 10th 2018 at 7:00 pm. City Council Chambers. Meeting Quarterly: (January, April, July, October)
2. Adjourn: Derrick motion to adjourn with Ben seconded. Motion passed.