

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board  
Committee Meeting: Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 7:00PM  
City Council Chambers**

**Proposed Agenda**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review and approve minutes: Minutes from the January 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 2019 *Tree Please Grant* application.  
Haven't heard back from them yet.
  
4. Tree City USA: North Liberty 2018 Tree City USA Award Recipient. (24 years).  
Requirements:
  1. Tree Board
  2. Tree care Ordinance (Updated 2014)
  3. Forestry Program spending \$2 per Capita (North Liberty \$8.28)
  4. Arbor Day Proclamation (North Liberty April 26)
  
5. Muddy Creek Clean-up: Recap of the clean-up efforts on April 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Thanks to everyone who attended.
  
6. Storm Water Issues: Storm Water Art - Mike Wolfe: Storm Water Coordinator
  
7. Any Tree or Storm Water Issues/concerns not on the agenda:

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Any issues from past meetings:
  - Arbor Day Friday April 26, 2019 (Is also National Arbor Day)
  - Update on signage Bio-cells and Prairies in the City (Signs received)

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Next meeting: July 10, 2019 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 January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting  
City Council Chambers**

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Present: Jessica Marks, Ben Curtis, Eric Beck, Darice Baxter, Mike Wolfe

Absent: Guy Goldsmith, Derrick Parker

Minutes taken by Ben Curtis

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Approval of Minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

No changes. Motion made by Baxter, Curtis seconded. All in favor, motion passes.

2. *Public Comments/Concerns*

No public in attendance.

3. *Board Appointments*

No public present.

4. *Trees Please Grant*

Grant has been submitted by City of North Liberty in the amount of \$1,000. City will hear response in March.

5. *Tree City USA*

Application has been approved by the DNR and has been sent to the Arbor Day Foundation for their approval.

6. *Storm Water*

Wolfe reported that some storm drains markers have come off with recent winter weather and snow clearing. Mike can spearhead a program to replace if the Board seeks volunteers. ISWEP has given City information on salt application, which Wolfe has in office for businesses or contractors to pick up. Wolfe notes that salt is a large winter polluter in the city and using less salt can be equally effective in some circumstances. City can post similar information to Facebook, on their website, and through a Communications department email blast.

Wolfe shared information on a grant awarded to North Liberty, Coralville, and Iowa City titled "Raising Urban Soil Health IQ in the Iowa River Watershed". The grant is \$75,000 to raise awareness to the community's cost-share programs for soil quality restoration. The cities will create educational events, advertising, field days, etc. RFQ for marketing services has been issued. Wolfe provided updates to signage for biocells and prairies in the city, which will be installed after winter.

7. *Muddy Creek Clean Up Day*

Scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Board is invited and volunteers are encouraged. Wolfe recommends bringing gloves, rubber boots in case volunteers will be grabbing trash from the creek.

8. *Arbor Day*

Scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is a requirement of Tree City USA award.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. None

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Next meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 PM. City Council Chambers. Meeting Quarterly (January, April, July, October).
2. Adjourn: Beck motioned to adjourn, Baxter seconded. All in favor, motion passes at 7:12PM.

## PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day-April 26, 2019

WHEREAS, trees are one of Iowa's most valuable natural resources that help to clean our air and water, create employment for over 7,000 Iowans, help to conserve our soil and energy resources, provide critical wildlife habitat for over 300 different species, yield bountiful outdoor recreation opportunities and make our communities a more pleasant place to live and work, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Liberty has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices, and

WHEREAS, each year Arbor Day is observed by the people of North Liberty, Iowa, with special attention paid to the care and planting of trees,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Donahue, Mayor of the City of North Liberty, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019 to be

### ARBOR DAY

In North Liberty, Iowa, and encourage all North Liberty citizens to participate in tree planting and nurture, protect and wisely use Iowa's natural wonder of trees so that we will ensure a more beautiful City and State.

### CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By:

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Terry Donahue, Mayor

Attest:

*Guy Goldsmith*

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Guy Goldsmith, Parks Director

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# Tree City USA



TREE CITY USA

## 2018 Application for Certification

The Tree City USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the 2018 calendar year.

### As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community of North Liberty

I herewith make application for this community to be officially certified/recertified as a Tree City USA for 2018, having achieved the standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation as noted below.

#### Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department

Community has both a Tree Board and a Department Chair or City Manager/Official

Department Chair/City Manager

Guy Goldsmith Parks Director 319-626-5720 ggoldsmith@northlibertyiowa.org

Tree Board Chair

Jessica Marks Tree Board Chairperson -- jessim@gmail.com

#### Standard 2: A Community Tree Ordinance

✓ Our community ordinance is on record

#### Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

Total Community Forestry Expenditures \$150882.19

Community Population 18228

Per Capita Spending \$8.28

#### Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

✓ Official Arbor Day proclamation is on record

Mayor or Equivalent Signature

Mayor  
Title

12/17/2018  
Date

### Application Certification

To Be Completed By The State Forester:

North Liberty

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, for the 2018 calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards required for recognition.

State Forester Signature

Title

Date



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