

**North Liberty Tree and Storm Water Advisory Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 2020, 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom meeting platform**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public health and safety concerns require City of North Liberty public meetings to be held electronically, so as to limit the spread of the virus. The public is invited to submit questions and comments in advance of the meeting for consideration submitting them to the City Clerk Tracey Mulcahey via email at [tmulcahey@northlibertyiowa.org](mailto:tmulcahey@northlibertyiowa.org).

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January
4. Public Comment
5. Board member update
  - a. Vacant seat
  - b. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
6. *MidAmerican Trees Please Grant* 2020 update
7. Arbor day Proclamation
8. Derecho update
9. Storm Water update
  - a. Storm Drain painting open to the public with use of cost share money
  - b. Stormwater infrastructure maintenance issues due to limited outreach and public interaction
  - c. Drainage area cleaning and grading
  - d. Tree and brush removal and mowing
  - e. Sink hole repair due to improper installation of storm sewer
10. Old Business
  - a. Any issues from past meetings
11. New Business
12. Adjournment
  - a. Next Meeting date: January 13, 2021, 7:00 pm

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board  
Minutes of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 Meeting  
City Council Chambers**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:08 PM

Present: Darice Baxter, Ben Curtis, Mike Wolfe, Guy Goldsmith, Michael Burrill

Absent: Jessica Marks, Eric Beck

Minutes Taken by Ben Curtis

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Approval of Minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting*  
Motion made by Curtis, pending addition of Board Appointments per Goldsmith's comments; Burrill seconded. All in favor, motion passes.
2. *Public Comments/Concerns*  
No public in attendance.
3. *MidAmerican Energy Trees Please Grant*  
Goldsmith reported that the Centennial Park tree planting project was finalized and closed out. The City applied for 2020 grant of \$5,000 for use at Dog Park. Grant covers installation of locally grown trees. The City should hear back in March on grant application.
4. *Tree City USA*  
The City has submitted the 2020 application at the state level. If approved, the City would gain status for the 24<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The City meets and exceeds all requirements for the program.
5. *Emerald Ash Borer*  
Goldsmith reported that EAB has been confirmed within city limits. The City confirmed presence with DNR officials. The City will expect questions from the public as ash trees degrade and removal or remediation depends on a tree-to-tree basis.
6. *Storm Water*  
Wolfe provided an update on the Soil Quality Restoration grant. The project is wrapping up with some materials still to be delivered in time for the home show. The project was a success and received many inquiries for residential cost share.  
Three more storm drain art projects were completed over the summer with the same local teacher leading the art installation. There are more planned for 2020 at the guidance of Goldsmith and Wolfe.  
Wolfe reported of high levels of pet waste bags being thrown into Muddy Creek along the trail Wolfe will work with Communications Department to pursue PSA on various outlets. More signage may be installed. Wolfe reminded the public that littering of this degree is illegal according to City ordinance, with a fine up to \$750 for the first offense.
7. *New Issues*

Muddy Creek trail streambank restoration project will create trail closures from Zeller to Golfview Drive, according to Goldsmith. City will be occurring down invasive and dead trees and providing improvements to eroded streambanks. Goldsmith announced a Muddy Creek Cleanup on April 4th. The City will have a proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day, which is a Tree City USA requirement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None to report.

**CONCLUSION**

1. Next meeting Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 7PM. City Council Chambers. Meeting Quarterly (January, April, July, October).
2. Adjourn: Curtis motioned to adjourn, Baxter seconded. All in favor, motion carries. Adjournment at 7:39 PM.

## PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day-October 3, 2020

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 October 3, 2020 to be

### ARBOR DAY

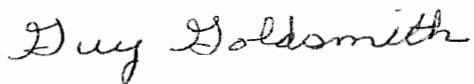
In North Liberty, Iowa, and encourage all North Liberty citizens to participate in tree planting and nurture, protect and wisely use Iowa's natural wonder of trees so that we will ensure a more beautiful City and State.

### CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

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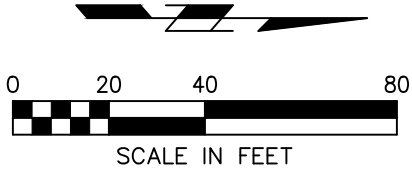
  
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Terry Donahue, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Guy Goldsmith, Parks Director





VOLUMES:

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PILE 2	7257 C.Y.

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