

**North Liberty Tree and Storm Water Advisory Board Meeting**  
**January, 20 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom meeting platform**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. October 14, 2020
3. Public Comment
4. *MidAmerican Trees Please Grant* 2021 update
5. Tree City USA update
6. Derecho update
7. Muddy Creek Clean-up day (April 10, 2021)
8. North Liberty Arbor day (Friday, April 30, 2021)
9. Storm Water update(s)
  - a. GIS progress
  - b. Any questions from Board members
10. Old Business
  - a. Any issues from past meetings
11. New Business
12. Adjournment
  - a. Next Meeting date: April 14, 2021, 7:00 pm

**North Liberty Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board  
Minutes of Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Meeting  
Zoom Meeting**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 PM

Present: Darice Baxter, Ben Curtis, Mike Wolfe, Guy Goldsmith, Michael Burrill, Kevin McGrane, Abdouramane Bila

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Ben Curtis*

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
Burrill called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.
2. Approval of the Agenda  
Curtis motioned to approve. McCrane seconded. All in favor. Agenda is approved.
3. Approval of Minutes  
Curtis approved meeting minutes of January 8, 2020.
4. Public Comment  
No public in attendance.
5. Vacant Board Seat  
Curtis has moved to Tiffin and will be unable to continue serving the Board. The Board welcomes Abdouramane Bila. "Bila" has been living in North Liberty since 2012 and has 2 kids in the Clear Creek Amana School District. Bila joined to find a way to improve North Liberty.
6. Board Elections  
Bila volunteered to Board Chair. Burrill volunteered for Vice-Chair and McGrane volunteered for Secretary role. Curtis motion to approve slate, Darice seconded. All in favor.
7. MidAmerican *Trees Please Grant* 2020 Update  
Goldsmith updated committee on the City's 202 grant for \$5,000 for new trees at the new dog park. The City was awarded \$1,000 and 68 new trees were planted. Next round will come out in early 2021.
8. Arbor Day Proclamation  
Goldsmith provided an update on the City's annual Arbor Day proclamation. Normally it would have been in April but was postponed to October. It was read on

October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proclamation helps the City maintain status as a Tree City USA, which the City has been awarded for 24 years straight.

9. Derecho Update

Goldsmith provided an update on storm damage from the April derecho. The City spent a month cleaning up the city from fallen trees and hauling all the materials to the public works storage areas. The City allowed residents to bring their debris for about a month. The City hired a contractor to take down a lot of trees and that is still ongoing. The City has accumulated 13,000 square cubic yards of material, which will all get ground up into mulch. There are no future street pick-ups planned and there were no trees lost at the dog park from high winds. Goldsmith estimates about 5% of the City's tree canopy was lost. Bila submitted the idea of allowing residents to pick up mulch and compost in the future.

10. Storm Water Update

Wolfe reported that the Storm Drain painting program is open to the public. Cost share can be granted. Designs should be submitted to the Stormwater Coordinator. City will cover \$150 in supplies. So far 7 have been completed around town and pictures are available on the City's website. The program will continue through 2021.

Stormwater Coordinator notes that outreach has been limited due to COVID. Coordinator can meet individually with residents, but public events are limited. Wolfe has been working more with Public Works team in wake of derecho.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Goldsmith mentioned that if there are ideas/concerns from other residents, those topics can be part of future agendas.

McGrane mentioned that along the bike trail, south of Zeller, lots of trees have been cut out. Wolfe noted this was intentional as part of the Muddy Creek streambank cleanup.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. None to report.

**CONCLUSION**

1. Next meeting January 13, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom tentatively. Meetings quarterly (January, April, July, October).
2. Adjourn: Call to adjourn at 7:34PM by Curtis. Seconded by Abdouramane. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35.