



**Tree & Storm Water Advisory Board**  
**April 13, 2022, 7:00 pm**  
**City Council Chambers, 1 Quail Creek Circle, North Liberty, Iowa**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 12, 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Board Member Terms; expiring 6/30, application/renewal
  - a. Michael Burrill
  - b. Darice Baxter
5. Tree Reports
  - a. MidAmerican 2022 *Trees Please Grant* Application (West Lakes) Approved
  - b. Tree City USA 2021 Application (Approved 26<sup>th</sup> year)
  - c. Muddy Creek Clean-up April 9<sup>th</sup> (Report)
  - d. North Liberty to Celebrate Arbor Day on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Proclamation signed April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Welcome Brian Hamer to new employee position (Landscaping/Forestry/Arborist)
  - f. Emerald Ash Borer treatment of ash trees.
6. Storm Water Report
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> and final phase of IDNR grant completed
  - b. Grass clippings & Fertilizer in street
  - c. Scoop the poop (pick up your pet waste)
  - d. Volunteer storm drain labeling
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting
  - a. July 13, 2022 at 7:00pm.
9. Adjournment

## **Minutes from North Liberty Tree and Storm Water Advisory Board Meeting**

**January 12, 2022, 7:00 pm**

Call to Order by Abdouramane Bila-Chair person. Board members present: Michael Burrill, Darice Baxter, Doris Vaske, Guy Goldsmith-Parks Director, Mike Wolfe-Stormwater Coordinator

Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2021 meeting. Motion by Michael Burrill., second by Darice Baxter. Motion carried

Abdouramane Bila opened the floor for Public Comment with no public comments to address.

Guy Goldsmith provided an update that the application for the MidAmerican *Trees Please Grant 2022* was submitted. If received, the \$1,000 would be used to plant trees at West Lakes.

Guy Goldsmith provided an update on that the application for Tree City USA designation and has been approved at the state level and will go on to the Arbor Day Foundation for approval. This would be for the tree work done in 2021 and would be the 27<sup>th</sup> year of being awarded this designation.

Guy Goldsmith discussed that tree trimming has continued through the winter, specifically along fence lines and raising tree limb levels, as winter is a great time to trim trees.

Guy Goldsmith provided an update on a proposed new position for the Parks department which would be a certified arborist. The position is awaiting approval from the city council.

Michael Burrill provided an update on the Fairview Lane traffic circle that discussions have occurred in amongst the citizens in that area. The goal would be an improved appearance through new planting of shrubbery though questions remain about who would pay for and/or maintain any plantings. A local landscape company has provided free design work to be presented to the city. Guy Goldsmith adds that the City Ambassador group has approached the city about a joint effort to enhance this area.

Abdouramane Bila asks if this is city property which Guy Goldsmith confirms it is and long term maintenance would likely fall to the city though the initial project may be expedited with a joint effort. Michael Burrill notes that there is considerable buy in from the neighborhood to provide labor to remove the old shrubbery.

Guy states that Muddy Creek Clean-up will be on April 9, 2022 which is right before the next meeting so he will email reminders to the board and post information for the community. Cubs and Boys Scouts often help with this along with other members of the community. Abdouramane Bila wants to ensure the communication department is providing this information through the various media forms which they have. Michael Burrill proposes utilizing the white board at the Rec center which offers a lot of visibility.

Abdouramane Bila asks Guy Goldsmith where the tree plantings at West Lakes will be done. Guy states that the trees will be planted between the trees which were planted 2 years ago to fill in the spaces.

Abdouramane Bila wants to ensure that this board does not need to take any action on the proposed position for the certified arborist. Guy states that no action is needed as this will be handled by the city council. The arborist would provide landscaping care for the numerous plantings throughout the city.

Mike Wolfe provided a reminder that with forecasted snow followed by a warm up street flooding can occur and any help the general public can provide in making sure storm drains are unblocked can help greatly.

Mike Wolfe provided an update on the finalization of a grant. Working on approving designs and color schemes which will wrap up in the next month. This will provide T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. to have available at home shows and other events to offer to people who come to discuss stormwater practices and city programs available to improve stormwater management.

Mike Wolfe again reminds the public to use less salt on driveways and sidewalks as the excess can contaminate stormwater.

Abdouramane Bila opened the floor for Old Business. Guy asks Mike Wolfe if there will be continuation of the storm water intake painting that has occurred throughout the city but has likely been limited during the pandemic. Mike states that there have been numerous applications and designs and he hopes that these will be able to move forward.

Abdouramane Bila opened the floor for New Business with none to address.

Next Meeting date: April 13th, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Michael Burrill, second by Doris Vaske. Motion carried

**Appointment Schedule  
For Positions on Boards and Commissions  
For terms beginning 7/1/2022**

- March 21      --Notice on NLTV website
- May 13        --Applications due at City Administration Office
- May 16        --Applications sent to City Council for review
- May 17- 27    -- Mayor interviews for recommendation of appointments
- June 7        --Board and Commission appointments made at Council meeting

***Board Terms Expiring June 30, 2022***

Planning and Zoning Commission (2 positions)  
Gender Balance of appointments: F- 4; M- 3(7 member board)

1. Jason Heisler
2. Josey Bathke

Board of Adjustment (1 position)  
Gender Balance of appointments: F- 2; M- 3(5 member board)

1. Janet Norton

Parks & Recreation Commission (2 positions)  
Gender Balance of appointments: F- 4; M-3(7 member board)

1. Jeremy Parrish
2. Laura Olds

Tree/Stormwater (2 positions)  
Gender Balance of appointments: F- 2; M- 3(5 member board)

1. Michael Burrill
2. Darice Baxter

Library Board (2 positions)  
Gender Balance of appointments: F- 3; M- 2(6 member board)

1. Michael Healy
2. Scott Clemons

Communications Advisory (1 position)  
Gender Balance of appointments: F- 3; M- 2(5 member board)

1. Keshia Fields

Cemetery Board (1 position)  
Gender Balance of appointments: F- 1; M- 2(3 member board)

1. Jeremy Ziemer

Board of Appeals (4 positions)

Gender Balance of appointments: F- 0; M- 1(5 member board)

# Guy Goldsmith

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**From:** Plant Trees (MidAmerican) <PlantTrees@midamerican.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 3:06 PM  
**To:** Guy Goldsmith; Brian Hamer  
**Cc:** Christoffersen, Stacy (MidAmerican)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MidAmerican Trees Please Award

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City of North Liberty  
PO Box 77  
North Liberty, IA 52317

Congratulations! Your community has been selected to receive a grant for \$1,000 through MidAmerican Energy's Trees Please! program to support your tree planting project and make your community an even better place to live. The award check will be delivered in April 2022. MidAmerican is proud to partner with your community, and we look forward to seeing the results of your tree planting project.

Please remember these Trees Please! program requirements:

- Grant money must be used for the purchase of trees only.
- This program is not a residential customer tree planting program.
- Tree planting projects must be within MidAmerican's Iowa service territory and provide energy efficiency benefits as a result.
- The trees must be planted in common areas such as publicly-owned properties, schools and community spaces.
- Matching funds from other sources that equal MidAmerican's grant amount must be secured by your community. This requirement may be met by in-kind services, such as donated labor and/or materials.
- Once your project is complete, a status report must be submitted. A status report will be included with your grant check and must be received by MidAmerican before you will be considered for a future Trees Please! grant.

We look forward to working with you and your community. Please call 800-434-4017 with questions. If you need volunteers, MidAmerican's CARES program may be able to help. Email us your request at [CARES@midamerican.com](mailto:CARES@midamerican.com).

Sincerely,



Stacy Christoffersen  
Energy Efficiency Product Manager  
MidAmerican Energy Company

Dear Tree City USA Award Recipient,

Congratulations, I have received and approved your Tree City USA 2021 application.

The Iowa Urban Tree Council would like to invite you and one additional community representative to receive your *Tree City USA* award at our 31st annual Community Forestry Award Luncheon in person. Any additional guests are welcome to join the

event virtually. The Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, **April 12th** from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at a new location **the FFA Enrichment Center** located at **1055 SW Prairie Trail Pkwy, Ankeny, IA 50023**. Coffee and pictures will be prior to the luncheon at **10:00 AM**. RSVP online at <https://treesforever.org/event/iowa-urban-tree-council-awards-luncheon/>

This year the Theme is *Tree-mendous Growth: Growing Your Tree Canopy* with Keynote speaker Mike Alonzo from American University in Washington, DC. More information on this speaker as well as our Covid- 19 policy can be found on the registration page above.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the information below. Please RSVP by April 7th. We look forward to meeting you and your community representatives on April 12th to receive this prestigious award.

Thank you,



**Emma Hanigan** (she/her) | **Urban Forestry Coordinator**

Forestry Section

*Iowa Department of Natural Resources*

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# PROCLAMATION

**Arbor Day, April 29, 2022**

**Whereas**, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; 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; and

**Whereas**, trees – wherever they are planted – are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved:** I, Chris Hoffman, Mayor of the City of North Liberty, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022, 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, promoting the well-being of this and future generations.

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**Mayor Chris Hoffman**