

TREE BOARD – City of Columbia City
August 15, 2023

MINUTES

- Meeting Called to Order – Janice Daniel
- Roll Call (Present) Janice Daniel, Jessica Burkett, Brent Bockelman, Larry Walter (Absent) Chip Hill, Nadean Lamle, Gloria Banker
- Minutes from the Last Meeting – no minutes available at this time

OLD BUSINESS

- Location for Five Remaining Shingle Oaks
 - Whitley Street across from the former location of the Community Foundations (2 shingle oaks, 2 linden)
 - Eagle Park (1 shingle oak on south end)
 - YMCA (1 shingle oak)
- I&M Utility Proposal for Tree Trimming
 - We will invite a representative to join us for our September (preferred) or October meeting
- Tree Management Plan
 - Our tree management plan is still in process, but will prioritize planting trees in the Hanna Extended neighborhood as our first step in increasing our street trees
- Tree Keeper
 - We now have access to the site

NEW BUSINESS

- Standards, Guidelines and Expectations for Tree Board Members
 - Board members are required to attend no less than 7 of our 12 meetings per year
 - Board members are expected to participate in 4 activities per year (i.e. tree plantings, First Friday, tree trimming/inventory/maintenance, Arbor Day celebrations)
- Teghtmeyer Ace Hardware Trees
 - We agreed to purchase 26 shade trees from among Teghtmeyer Ace Hardware's end-of-season stock to be planted in the Hanna Extended neighborhood this fall.

- Tree Board Training
 - Chip and Jeff will attend DNR Tree Steward training workshop Sept. 18-19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT in Portage IN.
 - Janice, Larry and others may also attend the same training workshop Oct. 26-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET in Richmond, IN.

MEETING ADJOURNED