

Muncie Urban Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 18th, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the Muncie Urban Forestry Committee was called to order at 1:03 on June 18th, 2025. The meeting took place in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Attendance

Voting members present: Adam Berland, Malcolm Cairns, James Edwards, David Heilman, Austin Weiland, Rick Zeigler

Absent: Carl Malone

Non-voting attendees:

Public comments: None

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved unanimously.

Urban Forester

- Rick updated the committee about conversations with the mayor. The mayor hopes to write the salary update into the budget next year to bring Kelli and Chris back at an updated pay rate. It was suggested that a representative of this committee attend a Park Board meeting to speak of the lack of Urban Forester. Some questions were brought up surrounding insurance coverages for the committee. Rick made a motion to investigate how to act on our own on behalf of the Parks Department and it was approved unanimously. Rick moved to investigate if we were indemnified for any actions taken on behalf of the Parks Department and it was approved unanimously.

IDNR Tree Stewards Program planning

- October 11th and 18th are the dates for this event, and it will go from 9 to 3:30. We will charge \$15 for lunch at registration. As a part of this program, any

participants will be required to have 15 volunteer hours. Continued planning for volunteer efforts across many neighborhoods.

New business

- Tree tags-**\$1.70-\$2.00 per tag**
- 2025 Volunteer Tree Planting
- Strategies and Planning for Street Tree Planting

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm by Malcolm Cairns. The next general meeting will be at 1:00 on July 16.

Minutes submitted by: Austin Weiland