

Muncie Urban Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 21st, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the Muncie Urban Forestry Committee was called to order at 1:03

on May 21, 2024. 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 March meeting were approved, but we did not meet quorum in April.

Arbor Day

- **There will be a meeting next month for the Arbor Day subcommittee. The event was a success, wonderful community engagement, many saplings out into the community. Look into food for next year to see if it is worth the cost. There was conversation around bringing more people into the sub-committee.**

IDNR Tree Stewards Program planning

- **James and Malcolm are planning with IDNR a Tree Stewards Program in October which will be hosted at Minnetrista. It is possible to plan this on two different weekends. This program would cover tree care basics—planting, pruning, etc. Must be free, but there may be a registration fee for lunch. This could also be covered by sponsorship. We may want to plan a planting for later in October. The date is not yet set.**

Urban Forester

- **There was conversation around whether the committee should ask for information about the status of a new Urban Forester. Malcolm may have a meeting with the mayor to discuss this.**

New business

- Tree tags
- 2025 Volunteer Tree Planting
- Strategies and Planning for Street Tree Planting

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 pm by Malcolm Cairns. The next general meeting will be

at 1:00 on June 18.

Minutes submitted by: Austin Weiland