

Details for July 2024 Tree Board meeting.

1. Approval of June minutes.
2. Note if we have a quorum.
3. Motion for approval of missed June meeting by Doug DeYoung.
4. List of questions that I sent to Rick last week for discussion at meeting.
 - a. How much money is presently in the \$2 account that is collected from every household each year to improve our BI tree canopy?
 - b. What is the total each year that is collected and put into the \$2 account and when does it come available to be used?
 - c. Can the money from the \$2 account be used for anything besides a tree?
 - d. Assuming that some, or all, of the monies in the \$2 account have been spent on the BI tree canopy, what specifically was the money spent on in recent times?
 - e. How much money is presently in the Tree Fund account? What restrictions are there with this account for being able to spend it? Was any of the monies in this account spent on anything in recent times and if so, what was the project?
 - f. How did/does the administration decide where and how much to spend on any tree project?
 - g. Do you (Rick) have any positive or negative thoughts about dividing up the City into quadrants and that one quadrant on a rotating basis will have priority in any given year for work on their tree canopy?
 - h. Do you (Rick) have any positive or negative thoughts about allowing the Tree Board to be a contributing factor in how, where, when and how much of the tree monies should be spent on any given BI tree project?
5. Tree Board Duties and Responsibilities in Ordinance:
Develop and present annually a written community tree management program and supporting work plan which, upon acceptance by city council shall constitute the official comprehensive tree plan for the city. *How will the Tree Board accomplish this work?*
6. Note: I attended the budget committee meeting 2 weeks ago and they were very positive about our suggested line-item budget request of \$7000 that will be presented to Council. If we get less than requested, then I am suggesting priorities to be:
 - a. Arbor Day without tree give away or trimming
 - b. New resident program
 - c. Arbor Day tree give away
 - d. Arbor Day tree trimming
 - e. Tree acquisition for planting in a BI park
 - f. Tree acquisition to give away at other BI events

7. Arbor Day 2025 – Think about an available date (? Saturday, April 26, 2025, any conflicts?) and to whom we should send invitations.
 - a. Work with Special Events committee to prepare event.
 - b. Event to be held at City Hall (inside and out).
 - c. Participant suggestions: Tree board, Solid waste & Recycling with trashcan raffle, Forestry service/Arborist, Nursery, PC Historical Society/Pioneer Days, Solar company, Duke, OUC, NAV board, Police & Code enforcement, BI administration, Live animal program, Balloon person, Face painters, Food trucks, Local establishments, others.
 - d. Raffle for a special tree give away.
 - e. Raffle for trimming of an oak tree.
8. Tree Removal Permit for a Developed Property – **Include form & fee info**
 - a. Penalty for removal of a tree with a DBH of 24” or more.
 - b. Fines for trees with a DBH of less than 24”.
 - c. Fee schedule values
 - d. Motion to approve upon agreement.**
9. New resident program – **Include form**
 - a. Create list of homes sold the previous three (3) months in Belle Isle, their address, and the district they are in.
 - b. Commissioners will visit each home in their district to share and explain the New Resident sheet along with a trash truck flash drive donated by JJs Waste and Recycling Company containing information from our Belle Isle online New Resident Welcome Packet. May also include coupons from local establishments.
 - c. New residents will then come to a Tree Board meeting to find the best trees for their home and its care.
 - d. New residents will then receive one or two free trees from an approved nursery which will be paid for from the Tree Board budget.
 - e. Motion to approve upon agreement.**
10. Planting of trees in our parks. Will work in coordination with Public Works for which park and the type, size, number of trees to be considered.
11. Volunteer to bring goodies to next meeting.
12. Adjournment