CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION
Urban Forestry

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TREE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 19, 2026
9:30 a.m.

This meeting will be held at City Hall in the McCloskey Conference Room
401 N Morton St Bloomington Indiana 47404
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For more information about the Tree Commission, or to submit questions or comments for consideration by the Tree Commission, send an email to Urban Forester Haskell Smith.

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Tree Commission Members:

Commission Member	Appointed by	Appointment Date	Term
Stephanie Freeman-Day	Common Council	2/1/2025	2/1/2025-1/31/2028
Travis Harding	Common Council	2/1/2025	2/1/2025-1/31/2028

George Hegeman	Board of Park Commissioners	2/1/2024	2/1/2024-1/31/2027
Vacant	Mayor	n/a	n/a
Mia Williams	Mayor	2/1/2026	2/1/2026-1/31/2029
Karl Gaisser	Environmental Commission	4/16/2026	4/16/2029
Vacant	Board of Public Works	n/a	n/a
Haskell Smith, Staff Liaison	n/a	n/a	n/a

CALL TO ORDER

1) ROLL CALL
    a) Present: George, Mia, Stephanie, Haskell, Jude
    b) Absent: Travis, Karl
2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MEMOS. -August 17th, 2026 and September 21, 2026
    a) Proposed- Mia, Seconded,- Stephanie, all vote to approve

3) AGENDA

a) Reports

i) Urban Forester's Report (Haskell Smith) - see attached (below)

(1) New quorum rules- vacant seats do not count against quorum

(2) Haskell will forward TC members required forms to sign and information on upcoming training

(3) Planting season approaching! - 500 trees to be split between the 4th Bicentennial Planting and the ash tree program (~32 removals and ~64 replacements), total of around 700 trees planted this year, and around 3600 for Bicentennial Plantings, for Dunn Street project- lots of removals, around 200 expected replacements

(4) Bryan Park Arboretum- we'll need to discuss species to add- need a total of 100 for Level Two Accreditation Status- we have ~70

(5) Over 700 trees pruned this year to date

(6) 315 Callery Pear removals since 2022
(7) Posting new support staff position soon
(8) Haskell and one staff attending TRAQ training in Franklin- first time in several years with two staff TRAQ-trained
(9) TC vacancies- Haskell will reach out to appropriate departments to move forward with reviewing applications
(10) Haskell working with a small group to update INDOT planting standards- focus on sections 622 and 914

ii) Environmental Commission Report (Karl Gaisser)
(1) No report

iii) Report from Indiana University's Landscape Liaison (Mia Williams)
(1) New spider lift arriving this Wednesday and staff will be trained on it shortly!
(2) Lead arborist position open- good applications already received and interviews will begin next week, with the position remaining open an additional couple weeks
(3) Tristan visited Dr. Sarah Mincey's Urban Forest Management class to present on new tree planting and will return later in the semester for Davey Day
(4) IU has already received 128 trees for fall planting to meet KPI of 300 trees/year to maintain stem # and grow canopy from planted trees
(5) Repair and Rehabilitation funding ($100k) has been approved for tree treatments

b) New Business
i) None

c) Old Business
i) None

d) Public Comment
i) None

e) Additional TC comments/updates
i) George and Mia have both heard that the Tamarack Trail project has been halted- land sold to another person who intends to keep the existing large/older trees and maintain the property

4) ADJOURNMENT

a) Mia moved to adjourn, Stephanie seconded, all approve

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 21, 2026 at Alison Jukebox
Location: To Be Determined

Handouts

- Tree Commission Meeting Memo and Notes (August 17th, 2026 and September 21, 2026)
- Tree Commission Meeting Agenda (September 21st, 2026)
- Urban Forester's Report (October 19th, 2026)