

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MICHIGAN CITY TREE BOARD  
MAY 6, 2009**

The Michigan City Tree Board met in a regular meeting in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana, on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. local time; the date, hour and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Mick Wulff called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were noted present for the record: Patricia Boy, Kathy Ceperich, Rebecca Pelath, and Mick Wulff. William Bolton, Jeffrey Meyer, and Dave Morlan were absent. (4 present, 3 absent) Staff in attendance: Secretary Debbie Wilson. City Forester Frank Seilheimer was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of April 1, 2009.

***A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mrs. Boy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pelath, with the vote as follows: (AYES): Patricia Boy, Kathy Ceperich, Rebecca Pelath, Mick Wulff (NAYS): None***

***With a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was APPROVED.***

**SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financial report ended 4/30/09 was submitted and reviewed by the Board.

Ms. Ceperich noted that \$24 was received in donations at the seedling give-away. This money will be deposited into the Arbor Day fund.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the financial report.

***A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mrs. Boy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ceperich, with the vote as follows: (AYES): Patricia Boy, Kathy Ceperich, Rebecca Pelath, Mick Wulff (NAYS): None***

*With a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was APPROVED.*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Arbor Day:** 1300 seedlings were given away. April 25<sup>th</sup> was proclaimed Arbor Day. The Board publicly thanked Kabelin's and Wal-Mart for allowing the use of their business sites for the seedling give-away.

Mr. Wulff stated it is nice to see that Earth Day and Arbor Day have become more mainstream and children and schools are becoming more involved.

**City Park Trees:** No report.

**City Street Trees:** No report.

**Education/Public Relations:** Ms. Ceperich will get photos to the newspaper for publicity of the Arbor Day event.

**Grant Application and Maintenance:** No report.

**Purchasing and Tree Planting:** It is hopeful that a good percentage of the seedlings will be planted in the community to mature into full grown trees.

**Planning Department:** Nothing tree related to report. The next Plan Commission meeting will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Urban Forest Plan Maintenance:** No report.

**Tree City:** The City will also be focusing on the Growth Award this year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mrs. Boy commented that Arbor Day was fun. She said there could have been a little more publicity, but participation was good when the people found them.

It was suggested by Ms. Pelath that next year Board members know ahead of time the exact location on the site of where the give-away will take place. More banners should be displayed as people are leery of vendors trying to sell something.

The possibility of another fundraiser in the fall was discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Boy – seconded by Ms. Ceperich and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

/s/ Kathy Ceperich, Secretary