

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY TREE BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 2009**

The Michigan City Tree Board met in a regular meeting in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 100 E. Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana, on Wednesday, October 14, 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 Chairman Bolton, 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: Kathy Ceperich, Jeffrey Meyer, Dave Morlan, and Mick Wulff. William Bolton, Patricia Boy, Rebecca Pelath 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 September 2, 2009.

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Meyer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ceperich, with the vote as follows: (AYES): Kathy Ceperich, Jeffrey Meyer, Dave Morlan, 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 09/30/09 was submitted and reviewed by the Board.

CLAIMS

The claims list was submitted and reviewed.

The Chair entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the claims was made by Ms. Ceperich. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyer, with the vote as follows: (AYES): Kathy Ceperich, Jeffrey Meyer, Dave Morlan, Mick Wulff (NAYS): None

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach: Ms. Ceperich stated that the Board participated in Boys and Girls Club “Day for Kids”. She said it was a wonderful event with a lot of kids in attendance. Mrs. Boy and Ms. Pelath helped out as representatives for the Tree Board. There was a raffle for a tree. The drawing will take place next month and the winner announced at the Board’s November meeting.

Ms. Ceperich stated that last year the Board participated in “Boo at the Zoo” and passed out candy. She suggested the Board participate in the event this year and asked for approval of \$50 for supplies. The event will take place on Saturday, October 24th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer to appropriate \$50 toward supplies for the “Boo at the Zoo” event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morlan, with the vote as follows: (AYES): Kathy Ceperich, Jeffrey Meyer, Dave Morlan, Mick Wulff (NAYS): None

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

City Park Trees: No report.

City Street Trees: Mr. Morlan reported that he and Frank are handling the tree maintenance. There is no funding for contract work. They raised the tree canopy on Wabash and Pine Streets. They will do Washington Street next when weather permits.

Mr. Wulff asked what happened with the funding for next years’ budget.

Mr. Meyer advised that the funding for the inventory was cut. He said that will exclude the City from a lot of grant funding opportunities.

Mr. Wulff made note that someone did a poor job of trimming a Maple tree on City property on Poplar Street.

Mr. Morlan advised that he and Frank would clean up the cuts on the tree.

Grant Application and Maintenance: No report.

Purchasing and Tree Planting: Mr. Morlan reported that Frank contacted LaPorte County Landscaping to start digging out the trees that were picked out last month. Once those are delivered, he and Frank can start planting.

Planning Department: No report.

Urban Forest Plan Maintenance: No report.

Tree City: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting will be held on November 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ceperich – seconded by Mr. Meyer and unanimously approved.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

/s/ Kathy Ceperich, Secretary