

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY TREE BOARD
DECEMBER 2, 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, December 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. local time; the date, hour, and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were noted present for the record: William Bolton, Patricia Boy, Dave Morlan, Rebecca Pelath, and Mick Wulff. Kathy Ceperich and Jeffrey Meyer were absent. (5 present – 2 absent) Staff in attendance: City Forester Frank Seilheimer and Secretary Debbie Wilson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of November 4, 2009.

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mrs. Boy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wulff, with the vote as follows: (AYES): William Bolton, Patricia Boy, Dave Morlan, Rebecca Pelath, Mick Wulff (NAYS): None

With a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was APPROVED.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report ended 11/30/09 was submitted and reviewed by the Board.

The Chair entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mrs. Boy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wulff, with the vote as follows: (AYES): William Bolton, Patricia Boy, Dave Morlan, Rebecca Pelath, Mick Wulff (NAYS): None

With a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was APPROVED.

CLAIMS

The claims list was submitted and reviewed.

The Chair entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the claims was made by Mrs. Boy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pelath, with the vote as follows: (AYES): William Bolton, Patricia Boy, Dave Morlan, Rebecca Pelath, Mick Wulff (NAYS): None

With a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach: No report.

City Park Trees: Mr. Seilheimer stated that the trees are decorated in the park for the Festival of Lights. A red maple tree was planted at the Old Lighthouse Museum.

City Street Trees: Mr. Seilheimer reported that they have done some spot planting. Decatur Street will be done in the spring.

Mrs. Boy noted that she had a request for stump removal on Walker Street from a tree that was removed a couple years ago.

Grant Application and Maintenance: Mr. Seilheimer stated that we should have a response from the State by the end of the year with regard to the grant. He said there was \$177,000 worth of grant applications. There is \$106,000 available with \$20,000 of that set aside for special planting projects and \$80,000-85,000 for inventory.

Purchasing and Tree Planting: No report.

Planning Department: Mrs. Boy stated that she would provide members with a copy of the draft plan by email if it is available.

Urban Forest Plan Maintenance: Mr. Seilheimer will apply for a grant through the Coastal Program. Workshops for the grant will be on December 8th and 11th.

Tree City: Mr. Seilheimer stated that he will have the end of year report next week and will send out the application by December 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee proposed that the slate of officers for next year remain the same as this year – William Bolton, President; Mick Wulff, Vice-President; Kathy Ceperich, Secretary.

Election of officers will be held at the first meeting in January.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made and unanimously approved.

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

/s/ Kathy Ceperich, Secretary