

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MICHIGAN CITY TREE BOARD  
DECEMBER 5, 2007**

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, December 5, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time; the date, hour, and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following noted present: William Bolton, Patricia Boy, Kathy Ceperich, and Mick Wulff. Dan Carabine, John Flegel 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 November 7, 2007.

***A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Wulff – seconded by Ms. Ceperich. Mrs. Boy abstained as she was not present at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved.***

**SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT**

The financial report ended November 30, 2007 was submitted and reviewed. It was noted that the budget has been approved by the State.

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

***A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Boy – seconded by Mr. Wulff and unanimously approved.***

**CLAIMS**

The Secretary requested approval of monthly secretarial services in the amount of \$200.00. Also requested was approval of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Board member pay in the amount of \$500.00.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the claims.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Arbor Day:** Ms. Ceperich submitted her report of ideas. The Board reviewed and discussed same. Suggestions included planting a tree on Arbor Day and having an Arbor Day celebration on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Board members liked the idea of working with another organization, such as Friendship Gardens, for the celebration on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Ceperich will look into grants that are available to help with the event.

**City Park Trees:** Mr. Bolton said it would be nice to have a tree walk on Arbor Day, but Frank would have to work with the Park Department to determine tree planting sites.

**City Street Trees:** No report.

**Education:** Mr. Wulff mentioned that there are a lot of careers in forestry for young people. He suggested that Frank talk to students at the high school about careers in forestry.

Ms. Ceperich will write a letter to the Schools to see if it would be possible for Frank to talk to the students.

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

**Purchasing and Tree Planting:** No report.

**Planning Department:** Mr. Wulff mentioned that he noticed clearing of trees on land in the City limits by Michiana Shores around the Meadow Drive area.

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

**Tree City Designation:** The Tree City Application will be submitted this month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Boy stated that she received a complaint from Paul Przybylinski about planting small trees instead of large ones on Washington Street in the tree lawn by his home. He said he would rather have no trees than the small ones.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation of slate by Nominating Committee:** Ms. Ceperich stated that there was a consensus to continue with the existing officers – William Bolton, President and Dave Morlan, Vice-President.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Since the next meeting is the day after the New Year's holiday, the Board agreed the meeting should be changed to the following week.

***Mr. Wulff made a motion to change the January meeting date from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> – seconded by Mrs. Boy and unanimously approved.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Boy – seconded by Mr. Wulff and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Wilson, Secretary