

Pendleton Urban Forestry Committee

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2023
LOCATION: Pendleton Town Hall
100 W. State Street Pendleton, Indiana
TIME: 6:00 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Carol Hanna at 6:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board members in attendance were Carol Hanna, Jeanette Isbell and Jo Scott. A quorum was established.

Individual representing the Town was Zoning and Planning Administrator Denise McKee.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve July 2023 meeting minutes made by Jo Scott; seconded by Jeanette Isbell; all members present voted in favor of motion; motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCSQP Tree Planting 2023 – Update

Denise McKee provided the following information:

- Co-Event Host: Madison County MS4 Stormwater Partnership [Alexandria, Anderson University, Chesterfield, Edgewood, Ingalls, City of Anderson, Madison County, Pendleton] PLUS Elwood
- Co-Event Host: Anderson Noon Rotary Club lead by Jan Miller
- 200 trees to be planted Madison County Wide in mid-late October; 10-13 or 17-20 with Community Tree Distribution Kick-off Event
- Applied - Madison County Bicentennial Legacy Project Grant 8/1/23 (\$4,000 tree stock; \$1000 buckets/stickers/rain barrels)
- Applied - ADF Tree Proposal Grant 6/26/23 (\$6,000 tree stock)
- Madison County MS4 Stormwater Partnership approved \$1000 contribution to project (buckets/stickers/rain barrels)
- Tree Stock through Woody Warehouse in Lizton, Indiana
- Rain barrel to be purchased at reduced rate thru Madison County Water & Soil District [\$55 each]
- Project Tasks: MCOG = Collector Map; Commonwealth Engineers = Participating Community Agreement Forms; Town of Pendleton = Project Liaison with Local Communities, Public Art Group & Host for Community Tree Distribution
- Project presentation 9/12/23 at 12 noon at Anderson Rotary Club Meeting - Anderson Country Club

B. Municipal Arborist Consulting Initiative – Update

Denise McKee provided the following update:

- Year #1 (1/5) - North of State Street & East of Pendleton Avenue (Street/ROW; Falls Park - North 40, Park Proper, Brown Pool & Sports Complex)
- Three Inventory Assessment Field Days - July 12th, July 18th and August 14th
- Assessed approximately 125 trees to date
- Inventory Assessment Year #1, Davey Resource TreeKeeper Update and 5 Year Budget projected to be complete by October 2023

C. Indiana DNR Division of Forestry Discussion Recap & News Article

Denise McKee provided the following:

- Times Post July 27th Article
- Shared feedback and reflection of July 24th meeting/luncheon
- ADF Tree Campus K-12 Program; goal to establish for 2024-2025 school year
- Tree Steward Training Host - Spring 2024

D. PUFC Facebook Page – Update

Denise McKee provided the following update:

- Current Followers: 99 (average 10-15 increase per month)
- August Focus - DNR Meeting Recap

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Arbor Day Celebration Tree – Pendleton Elementary

Denise McKee provided the following:

- Pendleton Elementary
- Principal Melissa Hagerman to continue 4th Grade Class participation
- Mid-late September for planting
- Start time between 8:35- 8:45 am
- Urban Forestry Committee to provide few date options

B. MCSQP – Community Tree Distribution Event

Denise McKee provided the following:

- Host at Falls Park Office
- Operation similar to Recovery Tree Project
- MCSQP to sponsor event/education booth & presentation
- Seek Urban Forestry Committee & local non-profit volunteerism
 - Distribution Center Stations
 - Buckets/Stickers
 - Rain Barrels
- Event dates either 10/17/23 or 10/24/23 with tree planting days or week to follow

C. Tree City USA Flag & Committee Picture

Denise McKee provided the following:

- Electric Department to hang after Playground Grand Opening
- Select date for group picture

Further Discussion:

- Denise McKee shared about an opportunity for Tree Steward Course hosted by Indiana DNR in Richmond, IN at the end of October; any PUFC member interested in attending, the Town will cover registration costs
- Jo Scott brought up idea of having training for Town and Park Staff about application of herbicide and keeping records of application; McKee to discuss with Park and explore material training options
- Jo Scott mentioned that the Friends of Falls Park may be interested in helping with the Tree Distribution Event
- Jo Scott suggested setting up booth at the Farmer's Market when ready to roll out information about the Tree Planting Project
- Carol Hanna recommended looking into an artist to create the logo as well as a videographer/Facebook coverage for the Madison County Bicentennial Tree Planting Project
- Town will send Thank You cards to those, as part of the Recovery Tree Project, that attended the luncheon with the IN DNR staff

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Carol Hanna at 7:39pm

Next meeting September 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm.