

La Porte City Tree Commission
MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2017

Members Present: Darla Aldred, Liz Kaminski and Jim Vanes
Members Excused: Nelson Slusser
Members Absent: John Doty and Skip Gerometta
Ex-officio Members Present: Mike Frazee, Mark Schrieber and Maggie Dickerson

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM by vice president, Jim Vanes.

The minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE INSPECTIONS

Maggie Dickerson, Project Manager - City of La Porte, provided commission members with their individual ward tree lists and asked for ranking clarifications. New lists for tree inspection/review were also distributed. Dickerson is now handling the compilation of all lists related to community tree requests. Members are asked to return all completed Ward reports back to Dickerson no later than 3 days prior to the next scheduled meeting. It was noted that tree inspections will not likely begin until Spring when the trees have begun to leaf out.

MULCH MADNESS

No report.

NIPSCO PROJECT

Liz Kaminski reported Greg Fruth requested the Tree Commissions assistance with plantings for the Meyer Mile at Hailmann School. Fruth is a volunteer and working to acquire trees for the new park area. Darla Aldred volunteered to review the Hailmann proposal as it relates to species and planting locations. Aldred will work with Fruth directly.

COMEDY NIGHT

Kaminski provided an update on the comedy night scheduled for February 25 at the La Porte Little Theater. A sold out event was expected. La Porte Seamless Charities (Ben Konowitz) is sponsoring the fundraising event.

ELECTIONS

The election of officers was delayed until the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

WEBSITE

Kaminski will print the commission web pages and provide them to members at the

March meeting. The group needs to review all the materials presented for necessary revision and additions.

ARBOR DAY - TREE GIVEAWAY

The tree giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 8AM at Kesling Park. Saplings available for distribution this year will be spruce, sycamore, red oak, sugar maple, tulip, redbud and white pine. Kaminski will request placement in the Water Dept. newsletter again this year and handle notification to local media. Mark Schreiber, Park Superintendent, reminded the group to provide his office with the information so it can be displayed on the departments digital sign on Pine Lake Avenue.

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, March 16; 5PM** at the La Porte City Police Department.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM