

Town of Indian Trail



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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TREE ADVISORY BOARD

March 17, 2015

08:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

The following members of the governing body were present:

Board Members: Patricia Cowan, Larry Miller, Cathi Higgins, Jan Brown, Jorge Aponte, and Dr Shamir Ally.

Members Present but not Voting: None.

Absent: Kelly D'Onofrio, Steve Long, Alan Rosenberg, Sidney Sandy, and Bill Smith_ UC Urban Forrester.

Staff Members: Rox Burhans-Planning Director, Gretchen Coperine, Senior Planner, Lindze Small-Planner/GIS Technician, and Pam Good- Board Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- January 20th

Member Higgins made the motion to approve. Seconded by member Brown. The vote to approve was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Staff Small spoke about upcoming annual spring events.

-Trees 101- Tree education program for 8-10 yr olds to be held from 4-5:30pm at the Union West Regional Library on April 6th. Dr. Roger Fish will be presenting at the event. Up to 15 children can participate.

-Earth Day/Arbor Day Event- April 24th at the Crossing Paths Park, supervised by the Town events coordinator Susan Didier.

-Mayor's Tree Initiative- week long event in the schools for activities/ info about community

forestry. This is an opportunity for local 4th grade students to learn what community forestry means for our town. When visiting participating classrooms, Staff plants two trees at each school as well as seedlings will be given away. Five schools will be participating the week of April 20-24. Ms. Small added that nearly 600 students are expected to participate this spring.

Chair Cowan asked if independent school academies or home school groups have been invited to attend the forestry education activities during April 20-24 week.

Staff Small answered that all children 8-10 yrs. would be welcomed to the Trees 101 event.

Member Miller volunteered at the Arbor Day event which was held with Stallings last year at the Stallings Park. He mentioned that it was a good event in which Indian Trail had a tent and passed out seedlings. He encouraged board members to come and mingle at this year's event which will be held at Crossing Paths Park in Indian Trail.

Staff Burhans stated the Town has partnered with Monroe for a Hazardous Waste Event on April 25th which will accept hazardous materials at no charge. Indian Trail has co-sponsored with them. If anyone on board wants to volunteer, let Staff know.

Staff will email the board members the Trees 101 flier to pass on to any interested 8-10 yr olds. Chair Cowan suggested the Learning Classroom would allow a flier to be posted as well as Grace Academy and the Learning Store at Windsor Square.

Staff Small mentioned that the Hazardous Waste Event will be held 9:00am-2:00pm in downtown Monroe in the Church Street parking lot beside the Seaboard Train Station.

ADJOURN

Member Higgins made a motion to adjourn. Member Ally seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Chairman:

Date: _____

Secretary:
