

## Michiana Tree Board Meeting

Friday, June 20, 2025

11:00 A.M. (EST)

The meeting was held in person at the Village Hall.

### Attendees:

Council member Nancy Thill called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. (EST) Also, present were Karen Szyp, Anne Blasko and Anne Heywood, Clerk and Andrew Aronson joined by phone. Rick Reitz was excused, and no residents were present.

### Agenda

1. Arbor Day organization and delegation of activities for Thursday, July 10 at 10:00 a.m. EST.
  - a. Anne Blasko will work with Carly the camp director and have the kids make Little Tree Ambassadors™ buttons with bling and give out tree cups.
  - b. Camp will provide Kool-Aid.
  - c. Andrew volunteered to do any running but wouldn't be available for the event. Andrew Aronson will pick up the popsicles for kids. Noted: (Scissors will be needed to open popsicles)
  - d. Arbor Day will be held in the park by Sugar Maple, a memorial tree for the Sheahan Family.
  - e. TJ will read the Proclamation.
  - f. Nancy will make the introduction, and contact the Color Guard, and they will be attending.
  - g. Rick will have a table, mic and flag brought over.
  - h. Anne Heywood will contact the Beacher and New Buffalo Times for coverage.
2. Arbor Day Foundation package of materials was received. The package included an Arbor Day flag, that will be used for Arbor Day in the park. A wooden plaque indicating a sticker with the year to be mounted under the Tree City USA wall plaque hanging in the Village Office.
3. There is a tree at Stop 42 near the stairs which was pointed out by a resident that the vines around tree were killing it. The Board decided to cut the vines to save the tree. Nancy will ask Josh and Rick to cut the vines around the tree.
4. Nancy revised the tree permit form with comments from Board members. The form will be available on the village website.
5. The amended Tree Ordinance was approved by the Council at the June meeting. The change to the ordinance was to make it the contractor's responsibility to pull the permit for any trees that homeowners are requesting to take down or trimming.
6. MDNR FY2024 Financial Report needs to be completed by September. Nancy said there is \$2,900 remaining of the grant to be spent.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Anne