

# Village of Michiana

## Tree Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 6, 2025

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Members Present:** Anne Blasko, Karen Szyp, Dr. Andrew Aronson, Rick Rietz, Anne Heywood, Nancy Thill

**Guests:** N/A

### Old Business

- **Stop 42 Vines Covering Tree:** It was brought to Rick and Nancy's attention there is a Village tree at Stop 42 that has large branches hang over the public stair that go down to the beach and could fall. There are vines wrapped around the tree which is killing the tree. The Board recommended to cut the tree down since it is an invasive tree and indicated for removal on the tree inventory list. Rick will get quotes for removal.
- **Arbor Day:** The 2025 Arbor Day event was a success, with strong turnout. The board looks forward to the 2026 celebration in partnership again with the day camp. Special thanks were given to Dr. Aronson for providing popsicles.

### New Business

- **Tree on Hillside:** A resident across the street reported the tree at 4272 Hillside was dead and could fall causing damages. The tree is located on private property and not within the Village Right-of-Way, the board determined this to be a civil matter.
- **Unauthorized Removal of shrubs and tree on Village property:** A brief update was given by Nancy that this matter was being handled by the Police Department.
- **Resident at 22 Mohawk:** A resident reported branches in a utility line. Since the tree is on private property, Rick will provide the resident with the contact number for AEP to address the matter.
- **FY24 Community Grant Final Report:** A workshop was held regarding Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements. Key dates of meetings included April 30, June 20, Arbor Day, July 10, and August 6. Nancy reminded all to turn in time records, invoices, receipts, and other documentation.
- The board confirmed the grant match requirement of \$3,585.80 was exceeded. All paperwork should be submitted to Nancy by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The final report needs to be submitted to MDNR by September 30.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by:** Anne Heywood/Clerk