

VILLAGE OF MICHIANA TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 29, 2026, at 1:00PM EST

Michiana Village Hall

Meeting called to order at 1PM ET. Nancy Thill, Andrew Aronson, Rick Reitz in attendance.

- 1) Tree City VOM achieved 3rd year recognition package on the 50th anniversary of Tree City USA.
- 2) Arbor Day on Monday, July 6 at 9:15 CT organization and delegation of activities.
 - a) Honor guard has been scheduled with Kim Gondeck.
 - b) Tree selection and site location to replace failed Pagoda Dogwood.
 - c) Andrew Aronson will organize refreshment and freeze the popsicles.
- 3) Review press release for Arbor Day. Additionally, Arbor Day Foundation provided one. Nancy to send.
- 4) UFMP Removal Inventory list. Supplement inventory especially on lakefront. It was discussed to follow the UFMP as scheduled begin assessment and removal of invasive tree species which comprise 25% of the village canopy. The most common and aggressive is Ailanthus, common name Tree of Heaven. If residents have small trees of this species on your property, please consider removing them before they grow large and costly to remove. Members unanimously voted to focus on removal of this species. Andrew recommends asking the village office to circulate notification to education residents.
- 6) Review of newly planted trees in village park. Pagoda Dogwood by utility panel failed. Sawyer Nursery will replace at 50% of cost.

Nancy made a motion to close meeting. Second Reitz.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Thill, Chair.