



**Regular Meeting of the Michigan City Tree Board**  
**Wednesday August 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm Central Time.**  
**IBEW Building, ALCO**  
**Agenda**

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) <b>Member Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Role</b>
Jennifer Birchfield	Mayor Appointment		President
Mary Nell Murphy	Mayor Appointment	12/31/2027	Secretary
Denise Blau	Mayor Appointment	8/01/2028	
Dennis Brittain	Mayor Appointment	7/01/2027	
Betsy Elsaesser	Mayor Appointment	07/01/27	Vice President
Laura Hendseron	Council Appointment representing Elston Grove Neighborhood Association	02/16/26	
Harshini Ratnayaka	Mayor Appointment	07/01/27	

4) Approval of Agenda

5) Approval of Minutes for July 2, 2025 meeting

6) Comments– Public

7) Secretary Treasurer’s Report and Claims

a) Monthly Reports to be requested:

- General Fund #1101 and Grant Fund #4500: Budget Performance Report
- Donation Fund #2308: Statement of Cash Position

8) Communications

a) Emails

- a) Time Werner: Stormwater Drainage Conference handouts
- b) Izabelle Galvin Ellis: Denise Blau re-appointment

- b) Facebook: Friends of Michigan City Tree Board
- c) NextDoor: watering volunteers

#### 9) Committee Reports

##### a) Outreach & Engagement

- Grant application to NIRPC/CommuniTree: Tree planting project at MC schools
- Boys & Girls Club planting
- Farmers Market: 9/6 and 10/4

##### b) Arbor Day Foundation activities

#### 10) City Forester's Report

##### a) Update on IRA grant progress

#### 11) Old Business

##### a) Mayor's Community Activation Grant

##### b) Boys & Girls Club trees

##### c) Leslie Shad's tree conservancy proposal

##### d) Moore Street development

#### 12) New Business

##### a) City Nature Challenge using iNaturalist project

##### b) Mary Nell away week of September meeting.

#### 13) Comments—Council Liaisons

#### 14) Comments--Board Members

#### 15) Next Meeting: September 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm, IBEW Building, ALCO

#### 16) Adjournment

MEMBERS PHOTO – please remain after meeting