



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

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

Member Name	Type	Term start	End	Role
Jennifer Birchfield	Mayor Appointment	8/19/2024	8/01/28	President
Mary Nell Murphy	Mayor Appointment	1/1/2024	12/31/27	Secretary
Denise Blau	Mayor Appointment	08/01/25	8/1/28	
Dennis Brittain	Mayor Appointment	7/1/2024	7/1/2027	
Betsy Elsaesser	Mayor Appointment	7/1/2024	07/01/27	Vice President
Laura Henderson	Council Appointment representing Elston Grove Neighborhood Association	02/15/25	02/16/26	
Harshini Ratnayaka	Mayor Appointment	7/1/24	07/01/27	

3) Approval of Agenda

4) Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2025 meeting

5) Comments– Public

6) 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

b) Submit receipts for supplies along with minutes noting Tree Board approval by vote.

7) Communications

a) Emails:

2026 Indiana Arborist Association Annual Conference, Noblesville 1/20-22/26

b) Facebook: Friends of Michigan City Tree Board (200+ followers)

8) Committee Reports

a) Outreach & Engagement

- CommuniTree: Tree planting project at MC schools
- State Nursery bill for Earth Day seedlings \$206.88
- Farmers Market: 10/4 report

9) City Forester's Report

a) Update on IRA grant progress

b) Other projects

10) Old Business

a) Mayor's Community Activation Grant: Phil to demo Tree Signage mapping; Board to then decide on how Mayor's grant to be spent

b) Moore Street development: Phil on follow-up re ordinance, fines

11) New Business

12) Comments—Council Liaisons

13) Comments--Board Members

14) Next Meeting: December 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm, IBEW Building, ALCO

15) Adjournment