



**Regular Meeting of the Michigan City Tree Board  
 Wednesday March 4, 2026 at 5:30 pm Central Time.  
 IBEW Building, ALCO  
 Agenda**

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Term start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Role</b>
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	Term expired
Harshini Ratnayaka	Mayor Appointment	7/1/24	07/01/27	
Nancy Moldenhauer	Council Liaison			

3) Approval of Agenda

4) Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2026 meeting

5) Comments– Public (3 minute limit)

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) Email from Arbor Day Foundation forwarded by Mary Nell

8) Committee Reports

a) Outreach & Engagement

- potential partnership with Sustainability Commission and others, workshop on pollinator gardening May 9 afternoon at Senior Center
- 4/25 Earth Day Extravaganza & tree giveaway
- 5/02 Farmers Market & tree giveaway

9) City Forester's Report

- a) emailed to members; Forester not expected to be present at this meeting
- b) Wendy Vachet update on proposed Tree Protection Ordinance

10) Old Business

- a) 3/11 Terre Haute forum by IN DNR for Arbor Day Foundations Tree City groups
- b) Mayor's Community Activation Grant: Tree Signage mapping proposal by Jen
- c) Arbor Day Tree City application has received National Foundation approval; Mayor's office sent Arbor Day Proclamation for April 25, 2026.

11) New Business

- a)

12) Comments—Council Liaisons

13) Comments--Board Members

14) Next Meeting April 1, 2026 at 5:30 pm, IBEW Building, ALCO

15) Adjournment