



**Regular Meeting of the Michigan City Tree Board
 Wednesday June 3, 2026 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
Harshini Ratnayaka	Mayor Appointment	7/1/24	07/01/27	
Wendy Willis	Council Appointment representing Eastport Neighborhood Association	02/15/26	02/16/27	
Nancy Moldenhauer	Council Liaison			

3) Approval of Agenda

4) Approval of Minutes for May 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) Online application: Betsy online survey from the Unity Foundation

b) Emails:

- DNR Spring Community & Urban Forestry Newsletter

c) Facebook: Friends of Michigan City Tree Board (242 followers)

- 5/27 Tree Inventory <https://michigancityin.gov/city-departments/central-services/city-forestry/>
- 5/27 List for tree services <https://michigancityin.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/List-for-City-Website-51826.pdf> (LIST OF LICENSED ARBORISTS)
- 5/07, 5/22 Farmers Market Tree Giveaway on 5/23
- 5/14 Borland quote on trees & patience
- 5/12 Arbor Day link on community impact
- 5/09 Bird Habitat Protection proclamation with Mayor
- 5/07&8 Tree City designation articles
- City's online list of Tree Services

8) Committee Reports

a) Outreach & Engagement

- 5/23 Farmers Market & tree giveaway: summary

9) City Forester's Report

- a) Update on IRA grant progress
- b) Other projects

10) Old Business

- a) CommuniTree grant for fall planting; volunteers

11) New Business

12) Comments—Council Liaison

13) Comments--Board Members

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

15) Adjournment