



**Regular Meeting of the Michigan City Tree Board
 Wednesday May 6, 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 April 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) Emails:

- DNR Spring Community & Urban Forestry Newsletter
- Arbor Foundation: St Louis 11/18-19 [Partners in Community Forestry Conference](#)

b) Facebook: Friends of Michigan City Tree Board (238 followers)

- 4/27 Mayor with volunteers at tree giveaway
- 4/26 Farmers Market Tree Giveaway (updated opening to 5/23)
- 4/26 Earth Month Extravaganza tree giveaway: thanking volunteers
- 4/24 Tree City announcement reposted from City
- 4/22 Earth Day: Mayor's Proclamation for Bird Habitat Protection
- 4/20 Tree Giveaway Volunteers needed
- 4/20 Earth Month Extravaganza
- 4/16 Purdue Oaks resource link
- 4/02 Congrats to Phil Graf on Arborists Award

8) Committee Reports

a) Outreach & Engagement

- 4/25 Earth Day Extravaganza & tree giveaway
- 5/02 Farmers Market & tree giveaway

9) City Forester's Report

- Update on IRA grant progress
- City's online list of Tree Services
- Other projects

10) Old Business

- Faith in Place's Tree Canopy & Workforce Community Grant Opportunity

11) New Business

12) Comments—Council Liaison

13) Comments--Board Members

14) Next Meeting June 3, 2026 at 5:30 pm, IBEW Building, ALCO

15) Adjournment