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Tree Board Members present: President Mark Shields, Vice-President Amy Spalding, Secretary Diana Wright and Member Elliot Burnette. Also present: Town Manager Sandie Jones.

BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Shields at 8:36 am.

2) ROLL CALL

President Shields conducted roll call.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7-13-2023 MEETING

Vice-President Spalding moved to the 7-13-2023 minutes as presented. Member Elliot Burnette seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Vice-President Spalding moved to add Michelle Cohen to the agenda. Secretary Wright seconded the motion. All unanimously in favor.

4) LAKE MONROE WATER FUND PRESENTATION - LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION GRANT

Michelle Cohen of the Lake Monroe Water Fund talked about the Landscape Scale Restoration Grant. She explained that the grant focuses on water quality and removal of invasive species. She is asking for the Town to contribute a total of \$30,000 in tree removal funds as a match. The funds could be contributed annually for three years. President Shields and Vice-President Spalding thought this would be a good idea as currently the Tree Board can only afford to remove 2-3 trees a year. The application is due by October 5, 2023 and full application due November 30, 2023

Ms. Cohen is also working on getting corporate sponsorship for planting. The second phase of the project would include educational components. She is asking for matching funds and a Letter of Support from the Tree Board. Vice-President Spalding has a list of trees to be removed and will check with Dave Harden, the County Surveyor to see if the trees are in our right-of-way.

The Tree Board will look at making a recommendation to the Town Council at their September 21, 2023 meeting.

5) DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP PRESENTATION – IZZY WATERMAN AND AREN FLINT

Ms. Flint presented a proposal to the board which included making a map version of tree locations, type, and conditions. Currently, there are 350 existing tree sites, and they can also identify planting sites. The inventory does not include trees in our parks. They also talked about Tree Keepers-tree preservation. They are hoping it will become a statewide program.

A Municipal Contract Forestry component would allow for reviews on tree preservation and forestry management. The cost could be \$4,940 for one year or as needed. Indiana Community


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Forestry Grant will be announced in October and other grants soon. Tree Indiana Grant funding available at \$1,000 minimum up to \$20,000 maximum with a 1:1 match. Could be used for tree removal.


President Shields thanked them for the proposal and asked them to keep us informed of new grants.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Spalding made a motion to adjourn; Secretary Wright seconded the motion. President Shields adjourned the meeting at 9:10am



Tree Board President Mark Shields



Date