



TREE BOARD AGENDA
In-person meeting held at City Hall, 102 Butler St, Saugatuck, MI 49453
APRIL 21, 2022 – 10:00 am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes)**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Regular Tree Board Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2022
- 5. Order of Business**
 - A. Scott Herbert - Various Tree Updates
- 6. Other Items of Discussion**
- 7. Communications**
 - A. Tree City USA 2021 Award
- 8. Public Comments (Limit 3 minutes)**
- 9. Adjourn**

Minutes - *PROPOSED*
Tree Board Meeting

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1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Verplank called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - Present:** Verplank & Schmidt
 - Absent:** Peterson (resigned)
 - Others Present:** Deputy Clerk White, DPW Superintendent Herbert & DPW Employee Kerridge.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 1. **Regular Tree Board Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2021:**

Schmidt asked about some updates from the October 21st meeting. In particular, she inquired about whether the Tree Board’s concerns with the violation of Section 97.08 of the City of Saugatuck Code of Ordinances were brought up to City Council. Schmidt also asked about whether the willow tree at Cook Park had been inspected by an arborist.

*Motion was made by Schmidt, 2nd by Verplank, to approve the minutes as presented.
Upon roll call vote the motion carried 2-0.*
5. **Order of Business:**
 - A. **Scott Herbert Various Updates:** DPW Superintendent Herbert covered the tree work planned for 2022. By the time spring 2022 comes, Herbert anticipates all of the tree work to be done. Below is a list of removals, replacements, prunes, assessments, and additional work.
 - **Remove/Replace:**
 - 645 Grand St – Resident request DPW remove paper birch due to roots causing damage to his driveway
 - Mason St End – Remove 2 maple trees and 1 pear tree. Replace with similar variety
 - 977 Lake St – Remove maple tree. Replace with maple tree
 - 349 St. Joseph St – Remove sugar maple. Replace with sugar maple
 - 200 Lucy St – Remove sugar maple. Replace with sugar maple
 - 747 Butler St – Remove sugar maple. Replace with sugar maple
 - 434 Butler St – Remove maple. Replace with new variety
 - 125 Mason St – Remove maple. Replace with new variety
 - 350 Mason St – Remove maple. Replace with new variety
 - 248 Mason St – Remove small ornamental. Replace with new variety
 - 201 Butler St – Remove small maple. Replace with new variety

145 Spear St – Remove large quaking aspen. Replace with new variety
Village Square Park SW – Remove/replace large sugar maple
Peterson Preserve – Remove/replace large silver maple

- **Prune/Assess:**

436 Main St – Prune at minimum or remove/replace
444 Main St – Prune at minimum or remove/replace
312 Francis St – Maple along sidewalk. Full removal after assessment
638 Spear St – Assess sugar maple with arborist. Prune at minimum
312 St. Joseph St – Assess sugar maple with arborist
615 Water St – Prune at minimum or remove/replace
Willow Park – Waiting on written assessment
505 Water St – Assess locust tree with arborist
249 Culver St – Prune locust tree away from stop sign
118 Hoffman St – Prune Japanese zelkova
108 Hoffman St – Prune Japanese zelkova
444 Main St – Assess silver maple with arborist
436 Main St – Prune at minimum or remove/replace
127 Hoffman St – Prune Japanese zelkova
153 Elizabeth St – Prune white oak(s)
580 Mason St – Prune white oak
612 Holland St – Prune large oak
758 Pleasant St – Assess large sugar maple with arborist

- **Additional Work:**

251 North St – Plant large native variety
412 Francis St – Grind small stump located behind white fence
149 Lucy St – Remove ivy growing up tree
648 Pleasant St – Relocate last year's planting for resident

6. Other Items of Discussion:

Both Schmidt and Verplank wanted the violation of Section 97.08 of the City of Saugatuck Code of Ordinances brought to the attention of City Council before the next Tree Board meeting on April 21, 2022. The Tree Board also expects a response from Council on how they will address this violation. Verplank emphasized that the ordinance regarding tree lighting dates have a purpose and history in the City; City Council should be made aware of why the tree lighting date is set at November 1st.

7. Communications: None

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjourn:

Schmidt moved to adjourn the Tree Board meeting, 2nd by Verplank. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Mayor Mark Bekken
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Dear Tree City USA Community Member,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I congratulate Saugatuck on earning recognition as a 2021 Tree City USA. We are so thrilled that Saugatuck takes pride in creating a community that places unique value on the planting and caring of trees.

Saugatuck is part of an incredible network of more than 3,600 Tree City USA's, with a combined total population of 155 million. The Tree City USA program is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's earliest programs. We are proud to partner with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters to maintain this community.

Over the last few years, it has become increasingly clear of the value and importance that trees hold for our future. Cities and towns across the globe are facing challenges when it comes to air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. Saugatuck shows its residents and peers that they are forward-thinking and eager to combat these issues. By showing your dedication to urban forestry, you demonstrate a commitment to a brighter, greener future.

We hope you are as excited as we are to share this accomplishment with your local media and your residents. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for you to distribute at your convenience.

State foresters will receive the Tree City USA recognition materials and coordinate on how to distribute them. We will forward information about your awards to your state forester's office to facilitate the presentation. Your community's Arbor Day ceremony would be the best time to mention the Tree City USA award.

Again, we are excited to celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of Saugatuck and thank you for helping us plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Lambe'.

Dan Lambe
Arbor Day Foundation Chief Executive

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Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes Saugatuck as a Tree City USA®
Saugatuck earns the Tree City USA recognition for their commitment to urban forestry

LINCOLN, Nebraska (3/8/2022) – Saugatuck was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Saugatuck achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: forming a tree board or department, creating a tree-care ordinance, having an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Tree City USA communities benefit from the positive effects that an urban tree canopy has year after year," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Saugatuck ensure that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program helps cultivate a sense of stewardship and pride for the trees the community plants and cares for."

Planting trees in an urban space comes with a myriad of [benefits](#) past the recognition of this program. Urban tree plantings help reduce energy consumption by up to 25%, which will reduce general energy costs and help with the overall cooling of the city as well. In addition, members of the community benefit from properly placed trees as they increase property values from 7–20%. Trees also positively affect the local ecosystem by helping to clean water and create animal habitats to encourage biodiversity.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

About the Arbor Day Foundation

Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than one million members, supporters and valued partners. Since 1972, almost 500 million Arbor Day Foundation trees have been planted in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests throughout the world. Our vision is to lead toward a world where trees are used to solve issues critical to survival.

As one of the world's largest operating conservation foundations, the Arbor Day Foundation, through its members, partners and programs, educates and engages stakeholders and communities across the globe to involve themselves in its mission of planting, nurturing and celebrating trees. More information is available at arborday.org.