

**La Porte City Tree Commission**  
**January 19, 2017**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Members present: John Doty, Skip Gerometta, Liz Kaminski, Nelson Slusser and Jim Vanes

Member excused: Darla Aldred

Ex-officio member present: Beth Shrader

Guests: Maggie Dickerson, Project Manager - City of La Porte  
LPHS students Kyle Mace and Jordan Gilmore

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by commission president, Nelson Slusser.

The minutes of the November 17, 2016 were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No tree inspections were completed for the months of December and January.

Beth Shrader informed the group that Darla Aldred assisted with the NewPorte Landing project and the tree species list for the sidewalk projects coming in the Spring (March 2017) near Boston Middle School. The sidewalk project is being completed with funds from the City, Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Nursery Update:

Slusser reported he has contacted Rebecca McCuaig, City Attorney, regarding the status of work to be completed at the La Porte City Nursery.

NIPSCO Project:

Trees were successfully installed at Critchfield Elementary School. It remains to be seen if NIPSCO will be able to provide the twenty (20) requested trees for our city tree lawns. Slusser will remain in contact with his contact (Andrea Nichols) from NIPSCO regarding a possible Spring planting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Updates to our web pages on the City website were discussed. Members need to review the current city ordinance and tree species list to ensure all necessary updates are in place.

Maggie Dickerson, project manager- City of La Porte, informed the group of tree removal at 407 H Street, La Porte. The City contacted the homeowner and advised the commission that the homeowner was aware of our city ordinance. Commission members directed the city to follow-up with the homeowner outlining the repercussion for their actions.

### Elections

The election of officers is scheduled for the February meeting.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February, 23; 5PM at the La Porte City Police Station.