

GOSHEN ARBOR BOARD

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BOARD MEMBERS

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

General Responsibilities:

Serve in an advisory capacity to city council and assist the city in efforts to maintain, improve, renew and protect the urban forest in public areas primarily through tree planting and preservation and sharing information with the public to enhance appreciation of trees, promote proper tree care, and encourage participation in the development of Goshen's urban forest.

Qualifications:

Willingness to learn common tree species and tree care.

An interest in trees and how they benefit the community.

Ability to work as a team member and actively participate in scheduled events.

Willingness to commit approximately 4 hours monthly.

Willingness to commit to attending one quarterly meeting.

Provide special skills to enhance or improve public participation and awareness of the activities of the Arbor Board including arborist, naturalist, horticulturist, communications, marketing, financial, grant writing, education, landscaping, artistic or organizational skills.

Activities:

Activities are variable and some depend on the skills and interests of board members.

Those of a routine nature include:

Advising the mayor, city council and city departments on matters concerning trees and related resources, including revisions of the city tree ordinance.

Conducting an annual Arbor Day celebration in April.

Maintaining and improving park areas to include tree planting, care and maintenance and removal of invasive species.

Participating in and/or presenting educational programs for children and adults.

Supporting Parks Commission with special projects at Mill Branch Park and other public areas.

Serving as liaison with organizations planning and conducting tree-related events or projects.

Attending quarterly meetings and working with other board members in budgeting, planning and reporting and achievement of program goals.