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## Buchanan Tree Friends - AGENDA

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

6 pm, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation

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1. Call to Order
2. Attendance  
Present:  
Absent:  
Guest:
3. July Agenda Approval
4. Approval of June Minutes
5. Monthly Finance Report

### **Committee Reports**

1. Executive  
Chair: Brian Murphy
  - Met to create the agenda for July meeting
2. Tree Plantings & Maintenance  
Chair: Richard Martin.
  - a. Water trailer
  - a. Future planting plan (for future funding)
    - DPW tree planting idea
      - Would like to work with the city to sponsor new trees near the new building. BTF would recommend and help plant them.
    - Need to look for planting location/ideas for Spring 2026 in order to concentrate on maintaining the current inventory.
      - Ideas: Veteran's Memorial Park and the Duck Pond, continuation of McCoy Creek Recreation Area (in collaboration with incoming/new disc golf course), Redbud, Fourth St., Terre Coupe, Smith, Post Rd, along new McCoy Creek Trail (could collab with Fernwood, RSJ, Friends of the Trail, etc).

- b. Discussion: Impact beyond Buchanan City boundaries, logistics.
  - c. R. Martin attended next BARB meeting to discuss Ravish Park tree locations, also inquired about budget for trees to include in park areas.
  - d. Tribute Tree Requests
    - Google Sheet to place into drive - Elaine will create and teach R & C Martin how to use it.
    - Carol Line would like two trees
    - Copper Beech may be available from resident as a donation
    - Joey Palucci trees near the Common
    - In memory of Kevin Murphy.
3. Governance & Financial
- Chair: Brian Murphy.
- a. DNR funding update and commitment from the city
    - Tree Keeper software training - Cala, Jared, Shannon, and maybe Craig Miller
  - b. City has \$5,000 in the budget to assist with tree removals. BTF would like DPW to utilize the current tree inventory. Murphy met with City Manager.
  - c. City Tree Plan
4. Fundraising, Marketing, and Volunteer Recruitment
- Chair: Cala Moeller
- a. Jr. Tree Friends (Jared).
  - b. Tree watering volunteer list, include Jr. Tree Friends. (Cala and Rich)
  - c. Future grant opportunities - based on what items we need in the near future.
  - d. Tribute Tree info and marketing logistics
  - e. Website committee (Cole, Brian, Cala, Elaine)
5. Old/Ongoing Business
- Boulevard tree planting - Tony has an idea about an opt-in program.
  - Cheri Martin - information sheet to be presented to residents prior to tree plantings.
  - AEP reimbursements - Brian will talk with Tony
  - To purchase: 100 feet of corrugated drain pipe to protect the base of about 100 trees and some things for the watering trailer.
6. New Business
- 1006 Victory St
7. Adjournment

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 6 pm