

**Ad Hoc Tree Committee
Meeting Notes
June 30, 2015**

Committee members in attendance: Mack Pearl, Roger Townsend, Jon Quitslund, Sarah Blossom

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton

Public: Charles Schmid

The main agenda item was continuing review of the requirements in BIMC 18.15.010.D for screening in perimeter buffers. There was some discussion of instances where buffer requirements had not resulted in effective screening, perhaps due to discrepancy between the approved site plan and the actual development, or to utility installation that does not respect the landscape plan.

Mack spoke to the importance of enforcing compliance with site plans once they have been approved.

Discussion dealt with details in Table 18.15.010-3, especially with reference to NSC, B/I, and WD-I Districts. A number of changes were made in that and other Tables, duly recorded by Jennifer and distributed to committee members at the next meeting.

Discussion touched upon residential subdivision development standards, and the development that Jon and his brothers have undertaken was briefly examined. Charles observed that in such circumstances there could be potential for a conflict of interest, but not in this case, since the subdivision plans were only being mentioned as an example, consistent with current regulations.

It was observed that in the current subdivision design standards, although preservation of perimeter vegetation, open space and forested areas is to be encouraged, the “cluster” subdivision option (as distinct from “open space”) has proven to be problematic and not often chosen. Should we recommend elimination, or modification?

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