

ARBORIST MEETING NOTES

The Island Pointe Arborist (Nate Schuettpelez) visited the property on Wednesday October 15, 2025, for the annual review of the forest to assess the health of the trees. Participating in the walk of the property were Don Pesco, Charley Plank, Mike Hall, and Warren Ludvigsen.

A summary of the information discussed included the following:

- We have one tree that needs removal due to declining health on Pine Tree Lane just past Cabin 18. The tree has been marked with an X for removal.
- We have two trees that were suggested for Safety Pruning. A small RED dot was placed at the base of the tree to identify. One of the trees is by Red Cabin # 1 and the second tree is by the Kayak rack along the white fence by the abandoned duck trail.
- There are five trees that are recommended for hormone stimulant treatment to give them a boost for improved health. They are located as follows: Two by the main beach off pine tree lane, one by the kayak rack (same tree for safety pruning), and two trees on the east side of the clubhouse.
- We spent significant time discussing the accent lighting proposal along Pine Tree Lane. Nate shared that Boring is an acceptable way of running lines but needs to be a minimum of 18" – 24" below ground to minimize root damage. The deeper you bore the better for the trees. Don was able to connect with the Lighting Contractor so we could have an interactive discussion regarding the installation plan. The contractor planned to bore under Pine Tree Lane but excavate a 6" deep trench along Pine Tree Lane to run the cables. Nate was not a fan of that strategy due to the damage that will be done to the tree roots. The lighting contractor said we can run the wires up in the trees but that runs the risk of coming down with every storm where limbs fall. A second idea was to run the wires above ground with sod clips attached to the ground and covering with mulch. That idea has complications such as the mulch washes away in storms and the snowplow plowing for parking spaces on Pine Tree Lane ripping up the wires. The Lighting contractor was going to discuss with his boring contractor. Nate was fine with attaching lighting to the tree trunk but also indicated it will become part of the trunk eventually and unable to remove. Nate also brought up the concern of having light on a tree for extended period affecting the tree that needs light and darkness. I believe Nate needs to be a resource with any proposal moving forward to be sure we protect the trees.

- The trees along Canyon Road and the split rail fence need to be pruned along the parking lot to allow vehicle passage under the trees, especially with snow loads. A lengthy discussion about the proper pruning of these trees to achieve the desired results, led to the need to have a professional tree arborist provide a proposal to trim up the trees. Multiple examples of improper pruning to accommodate owner complaints about low hanging branches reinforced the need to contract an arborist to manage this project.
- We reviewed two trees that are getting close to the buildings at Villa # 32 & Cabin # 21. A lengthy discussion on how to best prune these trees to not interfere with the buildings led to the conclusion that we need an Arborist again to bring a lift on property and properly prune these trees which are getting quite large.
- We reviewed several branches of trees that were a concern to Villa 50 for safety concerns. Nate reviewed both identified branches and there is minimal risk of the branches falling but they can be pruned back to the trunk of the tree if desired.
- We also spent ample time at Cabin 53 where the owner is concerned about the tree or a portion of the tree falling on their unit. A second concern is that the tree might be doing damage to the foundation. Nate assessed the tree as minimal risk that a section of the tree would fall as the tree is healthy. In regard to the foundation, Nate indicated that trees do not create foundation issues, but if a foundation has a pre-existing condition, the tree can then take advantage of a faulty foundation. The only way to know if a foundation is failing is to have a foundation specialist assess but the tree will not create an issue.
- A discussion on a professional Arborist to properly do the pruning identified and provide the Hormone stimulant led to a referral from Nate to Hoffman Tree in Montello, Wisconsin. Nate was going to give Phil Montello a call to see if he would come to Island Pointe to review the work.

We had a productive day reviewing the entire forest of trees and discussing suggested strategies in reviewing owner feedback regarding trees. Please let me know if anything is incorrect in my notes or if I missed something to be included.

Thanks,

Warren



October 22, 2025

Island Pointe Owners Assoc.
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Re: Forest needs of the Island Pointe Resort Property

Assignment

Provide a walking tour throughout the property with Board members assessing health of the trees on site, looking for any potential threats to the overall health of the forest on this property. Provide recommendations via a written report to promote health of the trees on this property, and proactively manage potential risk.

Methods

I visited the site on October 15, 2025, to meet with Board Members and toured the property discussing forestry management options. Using our web-based inventory program, I located individual trees that require removal or safety pruning due to health, structural, or pest concerns.

Observations

Overall, the trees on this site have good health and ok structure. The stand of trees is an even-aged white pine plantation with some red pine and norway spruce mixed in. The association has been replanting trees as they are removed, laying the foundation for a new generation of trees to establish throughout the property.

During our walk through the property, I observed the 2020-2024 management recommendations were followed to address the immediate tree hazards. This year, I identified one tree on property that should be removed due to poor health and structure. I observed the association took steps to start pruning deadwood around high-use areas such as the beach, and raising tree canopies over the southeast parking lot. Pruning cuts on these trees can be improved, I have included a diagram of proper pruning cuts within this report that demonstrates how a proper pruning cut should be made. I believe the association should continue to focus on pruning deadwood in lower tree crowns to preserve safe use of this property.

Recommendations

Removals



Removal recommendation, 22” Eastern White Pine, West side of main entrance drive. I observed this tree has old storm damage that removed a significant portion of the tree crown. At the site of the previous wound, there is a large cavity and trunk decay. Additionally, the remaining tree canopy is situated just above this old wound. These factors together increase the likelihood of this tree failing, potentially impacting the safe use of the site.

I will continue to include my recommendation of past reports, future removal considerations on site should be thinning of the red pine plantings by 30%-50%. Thinning these tree stands through selective tree removal will allocate greater resources (air, water, nutrients) to the remaining red pines and encourage better health of the tree stand.

Replanting

As trees are removed, I feel the association can do a better job of replanting with a more diverse selection of “evergreens”. I’ve observed most new tree plantings throughout the site are eastern white pine saplings. The following species will help maintain the aesthetics of a forested cabin property, while diversifying the surrounding forest landscape and prevent excessive loss of trees to any singular pest:

Tall		Short	
Norway Spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>	Ames Juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Ames’
Serbian Spruce	<i>Picea omorika</i>	Sea Green Juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Sea Green’
		Trautman Juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Trautman’
Scots Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Chalet Swiss Stone Pine	<i>Pinus cembra</i> ‘Chalet’

During our tour, I discussed the importance of not “over-stocking” this site with new trees. We discussed the long-term impacts of the current density of large trees on this site, and how that may be negatively impacting overall tree health due to a high number of trees sharing a finite amount of resources. I recommend replanting 1-2 trees for every 3-5 removals. New tree plantings should be focused on open spaces within the forest stand where the sky is visible through the forest canopy.

Safety Pruning

My recommendations for safety pruning on this property remain the same as in years past. The association addressed safety pruning adjacent to the beach. They can continue through other areas of the property as budget allows, removing large deadwood that could fail and strike people/property below.

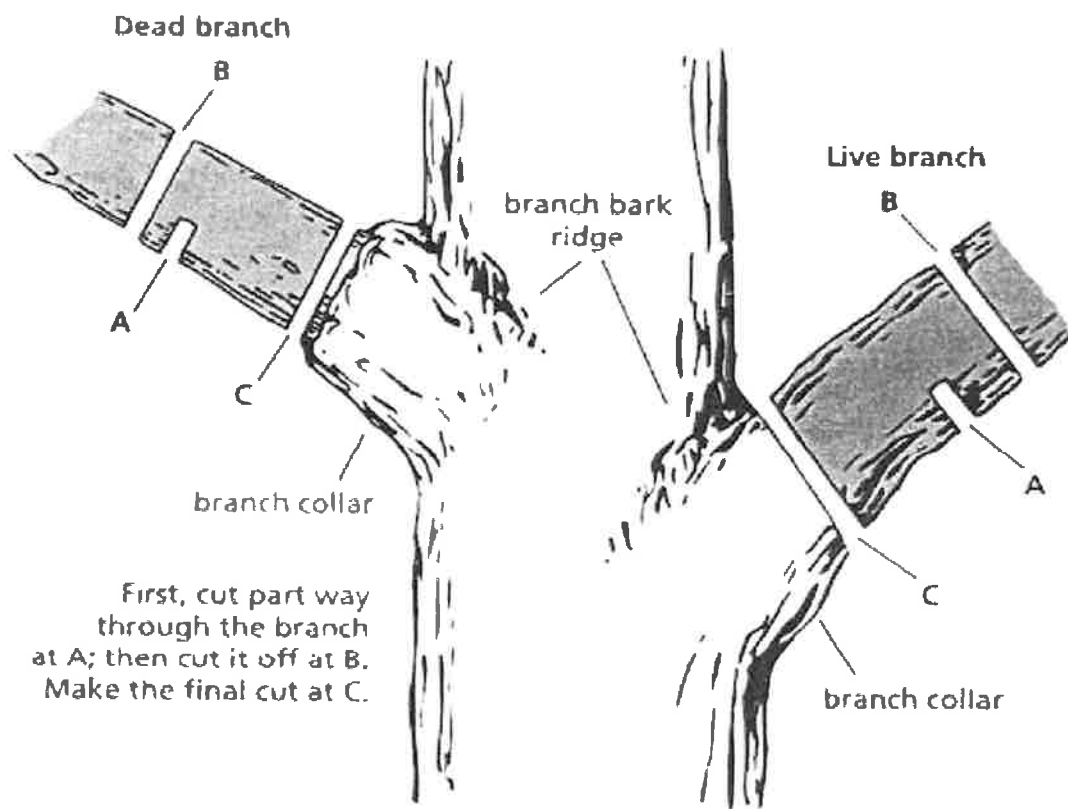


Pruning discussion, continued...

I also discussed the questions of board members regarding additional pruning needs of white pines in the southeast parking lot, and various trees that are encroaching on buildings or have low hanging branches that interfere with turf maintenance. I would like to commend the efforts of the association to slowly raise the canopies of the trees in the parking lot over time. Based on my assessment, we determined these trees could sustain pruning off another 1 – 2 layers of lowest branches over the parking lot. The objective is to provide adequate clearance for parked cars and snow maintenance vehicles. All pruning cuts should follow the diagram on the following page.



Proper Pruning Technique Diagram



First, cut part way through the branch at A; then cut it off at B. Make the final cut at C.

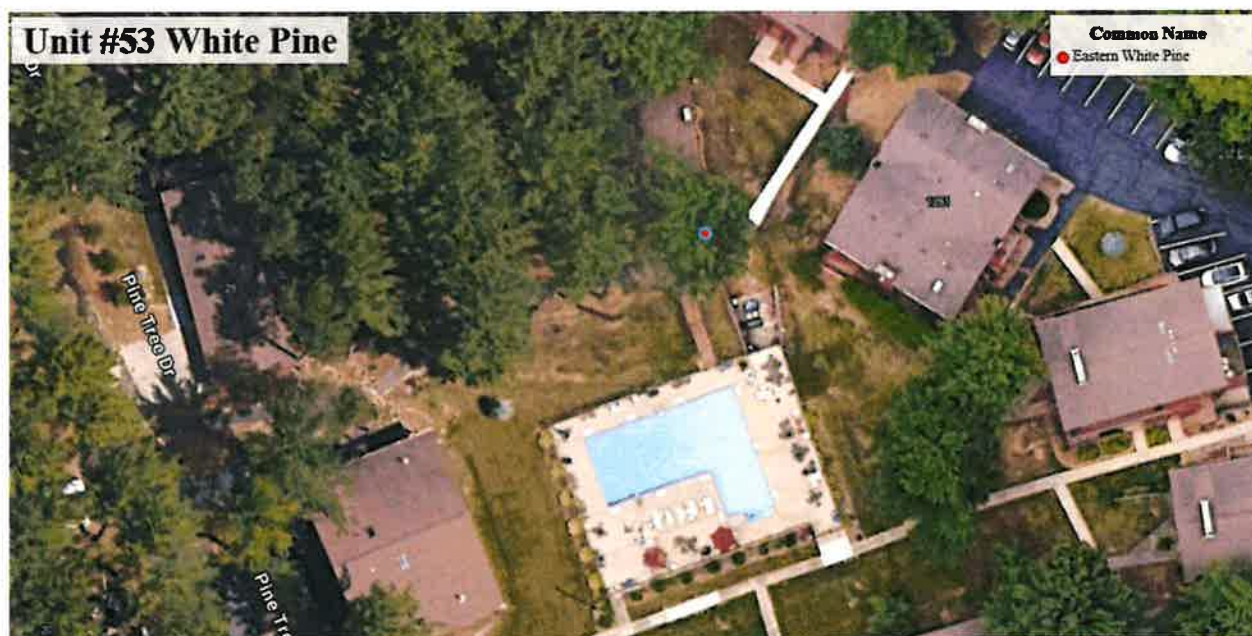
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Risk assessment

As I did in 2024, I reviewed a request to assess the white pine off the corner of unit #53. This year, the concerns were again the structure of this tree, and that roots could be impacting the foundation of the unit. I recommend bringing in a foundation inspection expert to determine if there are issues with the unit. The following is my assessment of this tree following ISA tree risk assessment best practices:

- Likelihood of failure: Improbable
- Likelihood of target (structure) Impact: Medium
- Likelihood of failure and Impact: Unlikely
- Consequence of failure: Significant
- Overall Risk: Low

Based on this assessment, I do not recommend removing this tree. This assessment is applicable for three years, and at which time I recommend a re-assessment by an ISA tree risk assessment qualified professional.



Treatment

There are 5 trees adjacent to the association beach areas that have stressed and/or declining health. I have noted the declining health of these trees in past annual reports. I do not believe these trees need to be removed at this time. Rather, I recommend the association consider plant health care treatments that will benefit the long-term health of these trees. I do not recommend treating these trees with fertilizers that will promote new canopy growth. I recommend treatments of these three trees that will preserve the existing root system and promote the development of additional fine root systems. Treating root systems will improve the foundational health of these trees and will support future health in the coming years.



Review of proposed tree removals for driveway addition

During my tour, board members informed me of a request to remove newly planted trees to make room for the installation of a new asphalt drive access along Canyon Road. Construction to install this new drive access such as excavation and installation of hard, non-porous materials will negatively impact the health of adjacent large trees. I do not believe there is enough distance between the existing rows of large mature pine trees to accommodate both tree health and the driveway.



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Conclusions

The Island Pointe Resort property is a beautifully forested property that transports residents and visitors to that “up north” cabin. I was encouraged that management of elevated risk trees is on track throughout the association. Continued proactive management will help preserve the beauty and safe use of this property. The age of most pines on this property is getting older, and individual tree mortality is expected. This will be beneficial to overall forest health. As individual trees die in the forest stand, that creates room in the canopy for other trees to grow, achieving a balance of young and old trees.

Certification of Performance

I, Nathan M. Schuettpelez, certify:

- That I have personally inspected the tree/trees and property referred to in this report and have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation is stated in the above report and the Scope of Work;
- That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report and have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;
- That the assessment, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own and are based on current scientific procedures and facts;
- That my assessment, opinions and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted arboriculture practices;
- That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party nor upon the results if the assignment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any subsequent events.

I further certify that I am an ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist and International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist and Tree Risk Assessment Qualified.

Signed:



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