

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – August 2012 (103)

Roll Call and Introductions:

Present: Elmo Layman, Doug Crabill, and Tingting Cai

Absent: Ron McFarland, Colin Stein, Al Evans, and Earl Cottrill.

No quorum for meeting to take action on any business.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (7/12/2012):

No quorum present to act on these minutes.

Old Business:

Possible Changes to Chapter 905 (Trees): Doug Crabill reported that Administrator Brugger, Colin Stein, Brad Bodenmiller, and he had met recently to discuss changes to Chapter 905 and the Administration Regulation (regarding trees). Furthermore, Doug Crabill reported that staff will continue to work on these updates with input from the Shade Tree Commission over the next few months.

Tree Maintenance, including Watering: Watering is being actively conducted by Elmo Layman and Earl Cottrill with the use of the city's watering equipment. Elmo Layman reported that recent rainfall has helped, but there are still some trees suffering despite watering efforts.

2012 Tree Inventory (Street Trees and Cemetery): Elmo Layman reported that the tree inventories for both the streets and the cemetery are complete. The information has been given to Doug Crabill for compilation in Excel. The group continued to discuss the numbering of the trees in the boulevard on Park Avenue. Tree inventory methods were discussed, including the use of GPS.

Tree Campus USA: Tingting Cai reported that Urbana University is making progress towards its eligibility to be considered a Tree Campus USA. She reported that the biggest obstacle to obtaining Tree Campus USA status is getting a tree inventory completed. Elmo Layman suggested that the Tree Campus group at Urbana University should contact Lisa Bowers of ODNR for assistance with the inventory.

Tree City USA 2013 Awards Program: The group discussed details in regards to the Tree City USA Awards program to be held at Urbana University on April 18, 2013. Tingting Cai reported that there are educational grant dollars available from the Ohio EPA for environmental education. She mentioned that this funding might be a way to fund the educational component of the awards program.

New Business:

Fall Wrap-Up of Tree Projects: Doug Crabill reported that he will be working to finalize fall tree planting/maintenance work.

Misc. Business: Doug Crabill reported that the Fall Urban Forestry Conference is coming up in October. He has the registration materials.

Meeting adjourned.