

## **City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – July 18, 2019 at 7:00PM (152)**

### **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Present: Doug Crabill, Ward Lutz, Jim Lemon, John Kussman, Colin Stein, and Earl Cottrill

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes (6/13/2019)**

Ward Lutz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 6/13/2019 as prepared. Earl Cottrill seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted (6-0) in favor of approving the minutes as prepared.

### **Old Business:**

**Possible Changes to Chapter 905 (Trees):** During this meeting, members of the commission went through a draft version of the revisions to the tree ordinance section by section. As a result of this review process, Doug Crabill made notes and marked up the draft version so that an updated draft could be presented at the next regular meeting of the commission.

**Tree & Stump Removal Update:** Colin Stein reported that a city contractor was working to complete tree and stump removals throughout the city during the summer. He shared that the contractor was approximately 50% complete with the contracted work, and that the contractor had approximately twenty-three tree and stump removals to complete. Colin Stein stated that the contractor was slightly behind schedule due to the extensive rainfall during the month of June.

**Maintenance and Trimming Projects:** Doug Crabill reported that Ward Lutz and John Kussman helped him in late June with tree trimming work along Scioto Street, US 36 East, and East Water Street. Furthermore, Doug Crabill reported that additional tree trimming work will be required for the recent bareroot tree plantings citywide.

**Memorial Tree Program Update:** Doug Crabill reported that one program application had already been received, and he advised that the Randall tree at Oakdale Cemetery was struggling to get established. He explained that he spoke to the donor and asked for a few years to allow the tree to begin to establish itself.

**Karen Kerns Dresser-Tree Planting Update:** Doug Crabill reported that the Tuliptree that was planted near the gazebo had not leafed out this spring and would require replacement this fall.

**Oakdale Cemetery-Arboretum Update:** Doug Crabill reported that his first focus was to get the tree ordinance revision completed before continuing work on the ArbNet application.

**Bare Root Tree Planting (Spring 2019):** Jim Lemon reported that the bareroot tree plantings appear to be doing well so far.

Arbor Day 2019: Doug Crabill reported that a tree planting ceremony will be held at the new PreK-8 school in observance of Arbor Day when school starts back up in the fall.

**New Business:**

-Watering: The commission members discussed recent rainfall and determined that watering efforts were not necessary at that time.

Misc. Business: Ward Lutz asked if the commission could assist in some fashion to get new trees planted at the Champaign County Fairgrounds. He offered to speak to a relative who had served on the Champaign County Fair Board for many years. Doug Crabill advised that the commission could help in an advisory capacity with new plantings at the fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn, Colin Stein; Jim Lemon, second; all in favor.