

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – October 2012 (105)

Roll Call and Introductions:

Present: Elmo Layman, Doug Crabill, Tingting Cai, Ron McFarland, Colin Stein, Al Evans, and Earl Cottrill.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (9/13/2012):

Motion for approval of both sets of meeting minutes made by Colin Stein, seconded by Earl Cottrill. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

Possible Changes to Chapter 905 (Trees): Doug Crabill again reiterated that the city is moving away from the use of the administrative regulation for tree removal. At this point in time, this administrative regulation will probably be eliminated and changes will be made to Chapter 905 (Trees). Staff will continue to work with the Shade Tree Commission, City Council, and the community to garner input for these revisions.

Tree Maintenance, including Watering: Doug Crabill reported that the city is still working to get estimates to remove a declining Sycamore tree on Lincoln Place. Also, Doug Crabill reported that the dying oak tree at Oakdale Cemetery has been removed. In addition, a declining tree on Scioto Street was removed by the property owner with a partial reimbursement by the city.

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 discussed methods for inventorying the trees in the Park Avenue Boulevard.

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 tree care plan is complete, and meetings are being held. She also reported that the budget requirement will be met. Tingting Cai stated that inventory efforts (ID, DBH, and condition) had begun, but that the whole campus would not be completed prior to the application deadline.

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. Doug Crabill reported that a few members of the commission had met to finalize details of this gathering.

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

New Business:

Tree City USA Nomination Process: Deadline is December 7, 2012.

Misc. Business: One additional meeting may be necessary for 2012.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn by Al Evans, seconded by Earl Cottrill, all in favor.