

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – March 2013 (107)

Roll Call and Introductions:

Present: Doug Crabill, Ron McFarland, Colin Stein, and Earl Cottrill.

Absent: Tingting Cai, Elmo Layman, and Al Evans

Reading and Approval of Minutes (11/29/2012):

Motion for approval of meeting minutes from 11/29/2012 made by Ron McFarland, 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. The goal is to get these changes made early in 2013.

2012 Tree Inventory (Street Trees and Cemetery): The tree inventories for both the streets and the cemetery are complete. Doug Crabill will be receiving assistance from other staff members with the compilation of the data. Once the data is updated, the data will be used for tree and stump removal efforts in 2013.

Tree Campus USA: Doug Crabill shared that Urbana University had achieved Tree Campus USA status for the work completed in 2012.

Tree City USA 2013 Awards Program: Doug Crabill reported that planning for the Tree City USA Awards program to be held at Urbana University on April 18, 2013 is in process, and planning continues.

Tree City USA Nomination Process: Deadline was December 7, 2012. Doug Crabill submitted the application information on behalf of the city by the deadline.

New Business:

Commission Officers for 2013: This item of business was postponed until the next meeting.

Arbor Day Planning-April 2013: Doug Crabill will contact Elmo Layman to see if he is able to assist with the planning of Arbor Day programming at the elementary schools in town.

Spring Projects (Planning): Doug Crabill will be coordinating spring maintenance and planting projects.

Misc. Business: The Street Department would like to raise the tree canopy on East Church, East Court, and East Ward prior to the water main replacement project in 2014.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn by Colin Stein, seconded by Earl Cottrill, all in favor.