

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – November 13, 2014 at 7PM (122)

Roll Call and Introductions:

Present: Earl Cottrill, Jim Lemon, and Doug Crabill (No Quorum)

Absent: Al Evans, Colin Stein, Ron McFarland, Tingting Cai

Guest: Lisa Bowers

Reading and Approval of Minutes (10/16/2014):

The minutes from the 10/16/2014 meeting were presented for review and approval. No action was taken due to the lack of quorum at the meeting.

Old Business:

Possible Changes to Chapter 905 (Trees): At this point in time, the administrative regulation regarding street trees has been 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 in the near future.

Tree Removal Update: Doug Crabill stated that the 2013 and 2014 inventory data is being used to prioritize removal needs based on what trees the city can safely remove and which trees will require a contractor. Doug Crabill stated that the removal of maple trees at 438 Scioto Street and 1108 Miami Street had recently been completed by a contractor. In addition, a maple at 560 E Church Street was contracted out and removed. Doug Crabill reported that the street tree removals related to the Phase 1 Water Main Replacement Project on East Church, East Court, and East Ward Street were recently completed. Lastly, Doug Crabill stated that the Street Dept. had recently completed additional street tree removals in the 400 Block of Lafayette Avenue.

Bare Root Tree Planting Project (Spring 2015): Doug Crabill has been working with Adam McClanahan of Carlton Plants to finalize the order for Spring 2015. The commission decided that the selections would include Swamp White Oak, Dawn Redwood, and London Planetree with 10 of each species being purchased.

Invasive Plant Removal Project Update-Melvin Miller Park (Fall 2014): Doug Crabill reported that the city had contracted with Terry Lavy of the Conservationist for the second phase of honeysuckle removal at Melvin Miller Park. As an update, Doug Crabill stated that the work was completed. He said that removing the honeysuckle from the back of properties along Old Farm Road was not feasible without further communication with residents.

Fall Tree Planting Program: Doug Crabill stated that fall tree planting may not occur in 2014.

New Business:

Tree City USA Nomination Process: Doug Crabill reported that he will submit the city's 2014 Tree City USA Application to the National Arbor Day Foundation by December 5th.

Tree Commission Academy; Lisa Bowers, ODNR: Lisa Bowers, Regional Urban Forester for ODNR was present to share information about the upcoming Tree Commission Academy, Freshman Class to be held in Reynoldsburg in May. She provided registration materials.

No formal adjournment due to the lack of quorum.