

## City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes-June 8, 2023 at 4:30PM (177)

### Roll Call and Introductions:

Present: Jim Lemon; Doug Crabill; Stephanie Truelove; Lynn Mintchell; Doug George; Tracy Brock; and Bob Jumper, Oak Dale Supervisor (Public Works Representative)

Absent: Cindy Dunham

### Reading and Approval of Minutes (5/18/2023)

The minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting were discussed and edits proposed. Doug Crabill will forward edits to Cindy Dunham (Tree Commission Secretary) and motioned to accept these minutes with edits, and Lynn Mintchell seconded this motion. Minutes were approved 7-0.

### Old Business:

Memorial Tree Program Update: No change.

Oak Dale Cemetery Arboretum Update: All trees in the cemetery will be labeled, located and documented as part of the MPower effort. "Big" trees were discussed. Bob Jumper noted that our State Champion Post Oak is in significant decline. Several other big old Post Oaks are on the state list. Three of our Amur Corktrees are the largest in Ohio. We also have the second largest Colorado Spruce. Jim Lemon met with Kerry Brugger and Deb Aksenczuk to discuss plans for an announcement event for the arboretum to be held this (2023) Autumn.

2022 Tree City USA Application Update: With the establishment of the arboretum, we should be considered eligible for a Growth Award. Doug Crabill will research background and requirements.

#### Memorial Trees (Fall 2022)- Marker installation

Doug Crabill reported that markers for the 4 Fall 2022 trees are ordered and working their way through the process. Once they are received, they will need to be placed. Once placed, the listing will need to be updated for the City web site, and donors notified. This includes the London Planetree planted this spring at the YMCA.

#### Oak Dale Cemetery-Newer Tree Plantings-Mulching

No new work on mulching trees. Status will be reviewed when markers are placed. We will work with Park and Cemetery employees on mulch and watering.

Tree pruning is needed on Scioto. It will also be needed on Miami when the curb work is complete.

Jim printed out the current street tree from his database. Data needs validation by walking the streets. The last update was 2020.

### New Business:

Tracy Brock received her letter of appointment and is an official member!

Jim Lemon reported on contact with Brotzman's Nursery as a provider for bareroot tree stock. Brotzman's is a NE Ohio business. They seem willing to help us address our tree needs. Further research and discussion needed.

**Misc. Business:**

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Doug Crabill and seconded by Stephanie Truelove. All in favor 5-0.