

## **City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – November 14, 2019 at 7:00PM (155)**

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

Present: Doug Crabill, Ward Lutz, Jim Lemon, and Colin Stein

Absent: Earl Cottrill and John Kussman

Guest: Kerry Brugger

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes (10/10/2019)**

Colin Stein made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 10/10/2019 as prepared. Jim Lemon seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted (4-0) in favor of approving the minutes as prepared.

### **Old Business:**

**Possible Changes to Chapter 905 (Trees):** During this meeting, members of the commission continued to review the most recent draft of the tree ordinance update. From this final review, the commission put together a list of bulleted items to consider as the final legislation was prepared. Doug Crabill shared that the first reading of the updated tree ordinance was planned for December 3, 2019.

**Maintenance and Trimming Projects:** Doug Crabill reported that additional tree trimming work will be required citywide during the winter months as weather permits.

**Memorial Tree Program Update:** Doug Crabill reported that nine orders were received for this year's program, and he stated the orders were split evenly between Oakdale Cemetery and Melvin Miller Park. He stated the delivery and planting of the trees was slated for just before Thanksgiving or just after Thanksgiving subject to delivery by Acorn Farms.

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

**Arbor Day 2019-Urbana Elementary School (Recap):** Doug Crabill reported that a tree planting ceremony was held at the new PreK-8 school in observance of Arbor Day on Friday, November 8, 2019 with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders participating in the program/tree planting ceremony. This celebration was hosted in collaboration with the Urbana City School District, Urbana Rotary Club, and the Urbana Shade Tree Commission. Mayor Bill Bean delivered his Arbor Day proclamation again on November 8, 2019 to these students. The Urbana Rotary Club spearheaded a tree planting project on the new PreK-8 school campus which added forty-two (42) trees to the campus, and the final tree was planted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students as part of the Arbor Day celebration on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The students planted a Winter King Hawthorn. As part of the Urbana Rotary Club's tree planting project, the following species were planted on the campus of the Urbana PreK-8 school: Winter King Hawthorn, Red Oak, Red Maple, and Flowering Dogwood. In addition, the Urbana Rotary

Club planted eight (8) trees at the new Urbana High School and five (5) trees at the Champaign County Fairgrounds.

-Karen Kerns Dresser Tree Funding-Fall 2019 Plantings: Doug Crabill reported that an additional ten (10) trees were on order for fall planting at Oakdale Cemetery with funding from the funds donated by the estate of Karen Kerns Dresser.

Bareroot-Spring 2020 Tree Order: Doug Crabill reported that he had continued difficulty making contact with Bailey Nurseries (Carlton Plants) this year.

**New Business:**

Misc. Business: None.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn, Colin Stein; Jim Lemon, second; all in favor (4-0).