

## **City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – June 2012 (101)**

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

Present: Elmo Layman, Colin Stein, Earl Cottrill, Al Evans, and Doug Crabill

Absent: Ron McFarland

Vacant Seat: Seat Previously Held by Mike Sell

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes (4/12/2012):**

Motion for approval made by Earl Cottrill, seconded by Al Evans. All voted in favor.

### **Old Business:**

Possible Changes to Chapter 905 (Trees): Nothing new to report. Staff will continue to work on this project with input from the Shade Tree Commission. The group briefly discussed possible changes to Chapter 905 and the Administrative Regulation (regarding trees).

Lions Club Project at Melvin Miller Park: The Lions Club made a donation of \$2,500.00 toward the purchase of trees for Melvin Miller Park. A total of 31 trees were planted by the end of April, and these trees were able to be counted toward the worldwide tree planting goal of the Lions Clubs.

Arbor Day Recap: Tree planting ceremonies and celebrations were held at Urbana University, East Elementary, South Elementary, and North Elementary with a mayoral proclamation being read at each location.

### **New Business:**

Tree Maintenance: Elmo Layman mentioned the recent honeysuckle removal project at Urbana University. He suggested that the city make contact with the university to find out how their project was coordinated. Doug Crabill agreed to contact John Deere at Urbana University to discuss this work more. Elmo Layman would like to see honeysuckle and other invasive species eradicated at Melvin Miller Park. Watering of new trees is ongoing. Limbs overhanging sidewalks will be addressed after the tree inventory is complete.

2012 Tree Inventory: Elmo Layman and Earl Cottrill reported that the yearly street tree inventory had started. Al Evans offered to assist. Once the street inventory is complete, the focus will change to the inventory of Oakdale Cemetery.

Misc. Business: Elmo Layman mentioned that planning needs to begin on the Tree City USA Awards Program to be held in Urbana in April of 2013. This event was discussed in brief. Al Evans reported that the Tree Campus USA group at Urbana University is getting started up. A recent visit from Lisa Bowers of ODNR proved helpful in getting this group moving.

Motion to adjourn made by Al Evans and seconded by Earl Cottrill. All voted in favor; meeting adjourned.