

## **City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – August 14, 2014 at 7PM (119)**

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

Present: Colin Stein, Doug Crabill, and Jim Lemon (no quorum present)

Absent: Al Evans, Tingting Cai, Earl Cottrill, and Ron McFarland

Guest: Elmo Layman

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes (7/17/2014):**

The minutes from the 7/17/2014 meeting were not available at the meeting. In addition, no quorum was present at the meeting in order to act on the approval of the minutes. The minutes of the 7/17/2014 meeting will be addressed at the September meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Possible Changes to Chapter 905 (Trees): Doug Crabill again reiterated that the city has moved away from the use of the administrative regulation for tree removal. At this point in time, this administrative regulation will 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 in 2014.

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. Several removals have been recently completed at Oakdale Cemetery. Doug Crabill explained that additional removal work for street trees has been quoted, and additional removal work is planned before the end of the year.

Spring/Summer Project/Maintenance Planning: Jim Lemon and Elmo Layman reported that watering work is underway. A brief discussion took place about the trimming of overgrowth over sidewalks. Doug Crabill stated that areas with extensive overgrowth should be dealt with through the nuisance process instead of during the trimming of street trees.

Bare Root Tree Planting Project (Spring 2015): The group discussed possible tree selections based on availability. Doug Crabill will follow up with Adam McClanahan of Carlton Plants about a possible order.

Invasive Plant Removal Project Update-Melvin Miller Park (Fall 2014): Doug Crabill reported that Terry Lavy of the Conservationist had contacted him about the second phase of honeysuckle removal at Melvin Miller Park. A brief discussion took place about the best course of action for the second phase in order to ensure the best results. Doug Crabill will follow up with Terry Lavy on his proposal.

Fall Tree Planting Program: Doug Crabill stated that he would be sending out notice about the fall tree planting program in the near future.

**New Business:**

Misc. Business: None.

No formal adjournment.