

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – June 8, 2017 at 7PM (139)

Roll Call and Introductions:

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

Absent: Tingting Cai and Earl Cottrill.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (4/13/2017)

Jim Lemon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/13/2017 as prepared. Ward Lutz seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted (5-0) in favor of approving the minutes as prepared.

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.

Tree Removal Update: Doug Crabill stated that he was working to get removal work under contract for street trees and remaining stumps. In addition, he stated that there were funds budgeted in 2017 for tree removal work at Oakdale Cemetery. Jim Lemon reported that he removed a few struggling trees along the Scioto Street commercial corridor. In addition, Doug Crabill noted that an emergency tree removal was just completed at 300 South High Street. Lastly, Colin Stein noted that five trees had recently been removed from Oakdale Cemetery by city forces.

Oakdale Cemetery Inventory Update: Jim Lemon reported that any future updates to the Oakdale Cemetery tree inventory would be dependent upon volunteer resources and GPS capabilities. He also mentioned that many of the inventory tags are growing into the trees.

Maintenance and Trimming Projects: Jim Lemon reported that watering efforts would be weather dependent, and that substantial rainfall was limiting the amount of hand watering required. Doug Crabill advised that further tree trimming would be required on Scioto Street and East Water Street as resources allow.

Bare Root Tree Planting Project (Spring 2017): Jim Lemon reported that all 40 (forty) of the newly installed bareroot trees were doing well. He noted that some general maintenance and watering may be required as the summer progresses.

Memorial Tree Program (Fall 2016 Planting): Doug Crabill reported that all of the markers for last fall's planting of thirteen (13) memorial trees had been recently installed. In addition, he

noted that several markers from the previous year were adjusted due to settling/being covered over.

New Business:

Street Tree Inventory Update: Jim Lemon advised that the street tree inventory had been updated for 2017, and he further advised that the last measurement of tree diameter was completed in 2015. Doug Crabill reported that the inventory results would be used to prioritize removal priorities.

Recap Tree City USA Awards-Chadwick Arboretum-The Ohio State University: Doug Crabill reported that the Tree City USA Awards for Central Ohio were on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Chadwick Arboretum on the Columbus campus of the Ohio State University. Doug Crabill, Ward Lutz, and Jim Lemon attended on behalf of the City of Urbana.

Recap Arbor Day 2017 (April 28, 2017 in the City of Urbana): Doug Crabill reported that Arbor Day in the City of Urbana was observed on April 28, 2017 on the Urbana University Campus. He further reported that he read the Arbor Day Proclamation at this event.

Planning for 2018: Jim Lemon asked for feedback to prioritize planting efforts and tree ordering for 2018. The board provided applicable feedback. Doug Crabill will be ordering next year's bare root trees based on this feedback.

Misc. Business: None.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn, Jim Lemon; Colin Stein, second; all in favor.