

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – May 10, 2018 at 6:30PM (145)

Roll Call and Introductions:

Present: Doug Crabill, Jim Lemon, Earl Cottrill, and Ward Lutz

Absent: Tingting Cai, John Kussman, Colin Stein

Guest: Kerry Brugger, Director of Administration

Reading and Approval of Minutes (4/12/2018)

Doug Crabill reported that these minutes had not been prepared for the commission's approval prior to the meeting.

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). In 2018, the commission plans to finalize and send changes to this ordinance to Urbana City Council for their review and approval.

Tree & Stump Removal Update: Doug Crabill reported that a list of 10-12 poor trees that had been given to the Street Dept. for completion by city forces. The balance of the trees will require contracting with tree and stump removal contractors to complete the remaining work.

Maintenance and Trimming Projects: Jim Lemon reported that additional trimming and cleanup is required this summer, including water sprouts, low hanging branches on young trees, etc.

Memorial Tree Program (Fall 2017 Planting): Doug Crabill reported that the markers for the Memorial Trees were scheduled to arrive at Bryce Hill by May 11th. Furthermore, a family observance is scheduled on May 25th at one of the marker locations/trees, and he stated that installation of all markers should occur prior to Memorial Day.

Bare Root Tree Planting Project (Spring 2018): Doug Crabill reported that the bareroot tree installation of 50 trees had been completed. Jim Lemon reported that the stakes were installed and the Sawtooth Oaks that were planted had started to emerge (leaf out).

Oakdale Cemetery-Arboretum: Kerry Brugger, Director of Administration, suggested the name of Greenwood Arboretum for the arboretum that is proposed for Oakdale Cemetery. He mentioned that Oakdale Cemetery was originally known as Greenwood Cemetery. Also, he stated that the goal is to become an accredited Level 1 arboretum through Arbnet. Lastly, he suggested the date of October 11, 2018 as the date for the fall Arbor Day planting and formal arboretum launch at Oakdale Cemetery.

New Business:

Misc. Business: Jim Lemon reported that the street tree inventory would need to be started soon, and he requested the assistance of fellow commission members in this effort.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn, Earl Cottrill; Jim Lemon, second; all in favor.