

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – April 2012 (100)

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 (9/8/11):

Motion for approval made by Earl Cottrill, seconded by Colin Stein. 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).

Tree Inventory Update: Complete street tree inventory on website. Elmo and crew have completed the cemetery inventory, but that inventory is not yet on the website. New inventory process to start this spring/early summer.

EAB Grant Recap: Doug Crabill provided a recap on the EAB grant. All grant funds were expended, and the inspection was completed by Lisa Bowers. There are some excess trees that need planted that were not paid for with grant funds.

ODNR Celebrated Streets: South Main Street is listed on the ODNR Urban Forestry website with a photo of the trees on the street. Doug Crabill and Lisa Bowers recently completed an inventory of this section of South Main Street for submission to Drew Todd. Drew Todd will create an I-Tree model for this section of street.

Lions Club Project at Melvin Miller Park: The Lions Club has made a donation of \$2,500.00 toward the purchase of trees for Melvin Miller Park. These trees need to be planted by the end of April in order for the project to count toward the worldwide tree planting goal of the Lions Clubs.

New Business:

Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary: A motion was made by Earl Cottrill to nominate Doug Crabill as Chair for 2012 and Elmo Layman as Vice Chair for 2012. This motion was seconded by Al Evans. All voted in favor. Also, a motion was made Elmo Layman to nominate Al Evans as Secretary for 2012. This motion was seconded by Earl Cottrill. All voted in favor.

ODNR Big Trees: Doug Crabill and Lisa Bowers recently took some time to measure some of the largest trees at Oakdale Cemetery for possible inclusion on the ODNR Big Tree Database.

Spring Tree Planting Projects: Plans were made for planting of trees this spring and for follow up maintenance projects related to last year's plantings.

Arbor Day Planning: Dates and times were announced for the annual Arbor Day observances at North, South, and East Elementary Schools. Doug Crabill will contact the media and invite city staff and council members.

Misc. Business: Elmo Layman discussed the Nature Explore program from Arbor Day Foundation, and he mentioned that students are not getting enough outdoor play or exposure. No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn made by Colin Stein and seconded by Elmo Layman. All voted in favor; meeting adjourned.