

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes – March 9, 2017 at 7PM (137)

Roll Call and Introductions:

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

Absent: Tingting Cai, John Kussman, Earl Cottrill

Reading and Approval of Minutes (11/10/2016)

Colin Stein made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/10/2016 as prepared. Jim Lemon seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted (4-0) 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: Colin Stein reported that approximately 30 stumps from dead ash trees were removed at Melvin Miller Park during the winter months. In addition, Doug Crabill reported that Bob Jumper, Superintendent at Oakdale Cemetery, had recently contracted for the removal of several stumps near the front of the cemetery.

2016 Oakdale Cemetery Inventory Update: Jim Lemon reported that any future updates to this inventory would be dependent upon volunteer resources and GPS capabilities.

Maintenance and Trimming Projects: Doug Crabill that winter pruning had not been scheduled, and he advised that he was concerned about the weather conditions being too warm for any pruning.

Bare Root Tree Planting Project (Spring 2017): A total of forty (40) trees were ordered for early spring delivery, and Doug Crabill reported that these trees were due for delivery during the week of March 13th with planting to follow during the week of March 20th (weather permitting). Doug Crabill committed to sending out letters to property owners of locations where plantings were planned.

Memorial Tree Program (Fall 2016 Planting): Doug Crabill reported that thirteen (13) trees were purchased and planted as memorial trees for fall 2016 planting. In addition, he reported that markers would be ordered and installed soon. He further advised that the engraver had prepared a proof for the markers.

New Business:

Tree City USA Awards-Chadwick Arboretum-The Ohio State University: Doug Crabill reported that the Tree City USA Awards for Central Ohio will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Chadwick Arboretum on the Columbus campus of the Ohio State University. A group of tree commissioners acknowledged their plans to attend.

Arbor Day 2017 (April 28, 2017 in the City of Urbana): Doug Crabill reported that Arbor Day in the City of Urbana would be observed on April 28, 2017 on the Urbana University Campus. Planning is underway.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn, Jim Lemon; Ward Lutz, second; all in favor.