

## City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes-June 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM (184)

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Stephanie Truelove; Lynn Mintchell; Jim Lemon; Doug George; Donna Finkbine; Doug Crabill  
Absent: none

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes (5/9/2024)**

The minutes from the May 2024 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Stephanie Truelove moved to accept the corrected minutes, and Donna Finkbine seconded the motion. May 2024 modified minutes were approved 6-0.

### **Old Business:**

Memorial Tree Program: Continual project; trying to coordinate GPS ordinance for memorial trees. The ordered markers have arrived (4 new, 1 replacement). Doug Crabill will check his information and forward a list to Jim for placement. Doug shared that we have over 50 Memorial Trees now in place. The goal will be to coordinate an update to the list with GPS and descriptions.

Current commission positions were discussed. With Tracy Brock's resignation from the commission, Donna Finkbine will move to a Ward position. We will then have two alternate positions we would like to fill. Doug Crabill will check with possible interested people.

Doug will follow up with Alistair Reynolds (our Central Region Urban Forester) on our Tree City USA award. The Tree City sign on South Main was damaged and will need to be replaced.

The 10 Silver Linden planted this spring at Oakdale continue to do well. There are several dead trees, including the Arbor Day tree at K-8 school.

No change in the street tree inventory, this will probably wait until July. Once completed, a report will be posted on the Tree Commission page on the City Website.

### **New Business:**

Watering and mulching will proceed as needed. Doug Crabill will check with Bob (Oakdale) and Ryan (Parks) on assistance with watering new trees – Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

Bare Root planting for spring 2025 will include 15 trees for Oakdale and possibly several for the city park. Given our success with Schichtel's Nursery we will plan for them for next year. A draft list of species will be put together.

**Meeting adjourned** Motion to adjourn made by Doug Crabill and second by Stephanie Truelove. All in favor.