

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes-May 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM (183)

Roll Call and Introductions:

Present: Stephanie Truelove; Lynn Mintchell; Jim Lemon; Doug George; Donna Finkbine; Tracy Brock
Absent: Doug Crabill

Guest Speaker: Kerry Brugger

Reading and Approval of Minutes (4/11/2024)

The minutes from the April 2024 meeting were reviewed. Stephanie Truelove motioned to accept the minutes, and Doug George seconded this motion.

April 2024 minutes were approved 6-0.

Old Business:

Memorial Tree Program: Continual project; trying to coordinate GPS location for memorial trees. We will need to assemble a team for routine monitoring of markers and/or tree damage. Doug Crabill will try to coordinate a memorial tree work day.

The Annual Central Ohio Tree City Awards meeting was held May 9, 2024. Doug Crabill nor Jim Lemon was available to attend. Our Urban Forester for Central Ohio, Alistair Reynolds will be sending our award and signs for Tree City USA.

2023 Tree City USA Application Update: Doug submitted the paperwork for Tree City in December. Submission for a Growth Award was deferred until this year.

New Business:

Kerry Brugger spoke and handed out copies of an update on the Greenwood Arboretum at Oak Dale Cemetery.

Silver Linden bare root trees were planted this spring at Oakdale and are doing well.

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

Watering and mulching are still on the list to do as needed.

Bare Root planting for spring 2025 potentially purchasing from Schichtel's Nursery again if all goes well with last purchase.

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Mintchell and seconded by Stephanie Truelove. All in favor.