

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes-November 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM (187)

Roll Call:

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

Guest: Alistair Reynolds

Absent: none

Reading and Approval of Minutes (9/12/2024)

The minutes from the September 2024 meeting were reviewed. Stephanie Truelove moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Donna Finkbine. July 2024 minutes were approved 6-0.

Old Business:

New Tree City sign has been delivered and will be installed on the south entrance (68) to the city.

Trees for fall planting of Memorial Trees at Oak Dale and Melvin Miller Park will be ordered from Brown & Sons. These will be ball-and-burlap trees. Goals for selection include adding evergreens and expanding the species list for the arboretum.

There will be an event for the unveiling of the Greenwood Arboretum on Tuesday, December 3, at 11AM near the main entrance to Oak Dale.

Bareroot trees will be ordered from Schichtel's Nursery for spring planting.

Funds will be used from Memorial tree applications and the Kerns-Dresser fund.

No change in the street tree inventory.

New Business:

Alistair Reynolds (our Central Region Urban Forester) joined in a discussion on strategic planning. Alistair will provide a planning document based on our conversation. This will include short-term and long-term goals.

Alistair also provided information on the America 250 project planned for 2026.

Meeting adjourned Motion to adjourn made by Stephanie Truelove and second by Donna Finkbine. All in favor.