

## City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission Minutes-September 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM (186)

### Roll Call:

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

### Reading and Approval of Minutes (7/11/2024)

The minutes from the July 2024 meeting were reviewed. Doug Crabill moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Stephanie Truelove. July 2024 minutes were approved 7-0.

### Old Business:

Root sprout and dead branch cleanup was worked on for Scioto and Miami Streets. Dead trees were marked on Scioto/Miami/36E. Street and Park workers removed the marked trees and several stumps. Void areas were filled and seeded.

Bob reported on trees removed at Oakdale and noted the continuing decline of the large Post Oak that was a prior state champion tree. Bob is also concerned with upcoming deer damage for the year's rut.

Tree City signs have been relocated to entry points on the thoroughfares. The sign on S Main is damaged and a replacement has been ordered.

Memorial Tree Program: Continual project (open item); trying to coordinate GPS ordinance for memorial trees. The goal will be to coordinate an update to the list with GPS and descriptions. Doug has the new listing for Brown and Sons. We will plan on an order of at least 10 trees.

Current commission positions would allow two alternate positions. Filling one or both vacancies is a goal for 2025.

Bare Root planting for spring 2025 will include trees for Oakdale and possibly several for the city park. Given our success with Schichtel's Nursery we will get trees from them for spring 2025. A draft list of species was circulated. We will need to place our order relatively soon.

The current dry spell is challenging for all trees at this point. Routine watering has been provided in August and September to new trees at Melvin Miller Park and Oakdale Cemetery. The Tree Commission commends the efforts of Park and Cemetery workers.

No change in the street tree inventory.

### New Business:

Doug will connect with Alistair Reynolds (our Central Region Urban Forester) on strategic planning. This will be the focus of the November meeting.

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