

City of Urbana, Illinois

Minutes of the Urbana Tree Commission Meeting
Public Works Engineering Conference Room
706 S. Glover Ave.
Urbana, IL 61802

Monday, March 27, 2017
1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Carol Augspurger (Chair), Stewart Berlocher, Jackson Bird, Darin Eastburn, Michael Stevenson (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: Derek Liebert

Staff Present: Michael Brunk (City of Urbana Arborist)

Others Present: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Michael Stevenson moved to approve the agenda for the December 7, 2016 meeting. Darin Eastburn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Former Business

Brunk updated the commission on the status of two legacy tree nominations located at 1904 E. Main Street. Brunk stated that the City Council approved the recommended change to the tree condition requirement of the Legacy Tree Ordinance which in turn changed the pending status of the nominated hackberry tree to Legacy status. Brunk stated that highly recognized bur oak nominated by the Friends Meeting at 1904 E. Main Street was co-owned with neighbors at 1908 E. Main Street, and that they had not gotten back to Brunk on the nomination approval.

New Business

a. Revisions to Arboricultural Specifications and Standards Manual

The Commission reviewed the revisions on the Arboricultural Specifications and Standards Manual. Brunk stated that links to listed websites have been updated and a note that tree species cannot exceed 6% of the total tree population within a city block had been added to the tree lists. Brunk stated that the note will facilitate a new ordinance that will require developers to plant trees in new subdivisions as per the City's arbor specifications. Brunk presented another change that provided a three to six inch distance from excavation for pre-construction root pruning. Mr. Stevenson asked that language be included that states website links may be updated as needed.

Eastburn moved to approve the Revised Arboricultural Specifications and Standards Manual to City Council. Stewart seconded, and the motion carried unanimously in favor by a voice vote.

b. Tree Commission Bylaws and Rules of Procedure

Brunk presented the final draft of the Tree Commission Bylaws and Rules of Procedure.

Stevenson moved to approve the Tree Commission Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. Bird seconded, and the motion carried unanimously in favor by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.