

CITY OF OLNEY TREE BOARD
OLNEY CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 22, 2016
7:00 P.M.

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The meeting of the Tree Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 300 S. Whittle Ave., Olney, Illinois, with Brandy McKinney presiding.

AGENDA #2 “ROLL CALL” The following Tree Board members were present: Brandy McKinney, Bill Caulfield, Bill Page, Andrea McDowell, and Paige Abell. Chris Simpson and Kelsie Sterchi were absent.

AGENDA #3 “APPROVE MINUTES OF TREE BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 24, 2016” Mrs. McDowell moved to approve the Tree Board minutes from August 24, 2016, seconded by Mr. Caulfield. A majority affirmative voice vote was received to approve the minutes.

AGENDA #4 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS” No one from the public wished to speak under this category.

AGENDA #5 “TREE PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS”

5-A “Tree Identification Park - Donnie Watson” Donnie Watson was present to report that this would be his final presentation before planting trees on October 8, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. He reported that he would be planting 60 trees at Musgrove Park for the addition of the Tree Identification Park. He also reported that Doug Krajec would be drilling holes to plant trees, and Boy Scouts and FFA members would be assisting with the planting. The Tree Board would possibly be responsible for tree bags in the Spring. Mr. Watson reported that any leftover money will be donated to Tree Board for future plantings.

5-B “Tree City U.S.A. Application” Although Mrs. Sterchi was not present at the meeting, she had left notes for consideration of the Tree Board regarding the Tree City U.S.A. application. Mrs. Sterchi explained in her notes that the application had been submitted, but she has since been contacted by DNR with some changes they would like to see in order to move forward with the application.

DNR would like to eliminate the Bradford Pear and Norway Maple from Tree Species to be Planted. They also request language changes to the sections of the Code regarding tree care standards, tree topping, and insurance. Additionally, DNR had requested paid receipts, line item expenditures, and other items of greater detail needed in determining the per capita expenses.

DNR would be supplying Mrs. Sterchi with examples of Code language that may be appropriate in updating the tree ordinance. Mrs. Sterchi also expected that quite a bit of time will be needed to get the additional items for DNR.

Mr. Caulfield expressed concern with improper trimming of trees in town. He felt that additional education may be needed.

Mrs. McKinney noted Arborist requirements in the Code for City trees. She wondered if the Code could be changed to also require an Arbor certification.

Mrs. McKinney was interested in having the Code changed to require City certification for anyone doing any tree work in town, whether it was on public or private property.

Mrs. McKinney requested that Mr. Caulfield research the requirements of becoming a certified Arborist, and that all other Board members research two different communities' approach to tree care.

5-C "Current Tree Care" Mrs. McKinney was concerned with the care of trees along N. East and N. Silver Streets over the past couple of months. Mr. Page and Mr. Caulfield agreed. Mrs. McKinney thought it would be helpful to make a recommendation for a tree watering plan that would detail how many times per week and in what month certain trees should be watered. Different species may have different needs, and a clear cut plan may be helpful instead of having to guess.

Mr. Page moved to present a tree watering plan for the current newly planted trees at Musgrove Park and along E. Main Street to two times per week, seconded by Mr. Caulfield. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #6 "TREE PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS - LOCATIONS FOR FUTURE PLANTINGS" Mrs. McKinney felt that Musgrove Park held much potential for future plantings, but that future planting recommendations should be tabled until next year.

AGENDA #7 "SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE" The next meeting of the Tree Board would be held on October 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA #8 "ADJOURN" Mrs. McKinney moved to adjourn the Tree Board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Abell. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. The Tree Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Paige Abell
Tree Board Member