

CITY OF OLNEY TREE BOARD
OLNEY CITY HALL
DECEMBER 10, 2018
5:00 P.M.

AGENDA #1 "CALL TO ORDER" The meeting of the Tree Board was called to order at 5:04 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, Dustin Marshall, Bill Caulfield, Paige Abell, and Kelsie Sterchi. Chris Simpson and Bill Page were absent.

AGENDA #3 "APPROVE MINUTES OF TREE BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, 2018" Mrs. McKinney moved to approve the minutes of the Tree Board meeting on November 2, 2018, changing "Christ Simpson" to "Chris Simpson" under Roll Call, seconded by Mrs. Sterchi. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #4 "PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS" No one from the public was present.

AGENDA #5 "DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: UPDATE ON ROTARY CLUB'S TREE PROJECT" Mrs. McKinney had met with Rotary on their suggestion for a Memory Tree Project. Essentially, the Rotary Club was interested in helping to promote and/or facilitate some aspects of the project. The Rotary Club would not want to manage the overall project or handle funding.

Mr. Marshall was curious as to how the Rotary Club would assist with such a project under Tree Board management. Mrs. McKinney's impression was that the Rotary Club would be interested in helping to plant and advertise.

Mrs. Sterchi expressed concerns with managing the project. She felt it would the management would need a lot of attention and care because it would be in relation to loved ones passed. She questioned whether or not the Tree Board would be the most appropriate manager. Mrs. McKinney replied that if the program was put into place, memory trees would only be purchased and planted a couple of times per year.

The topic would be discussed again at the next Tree Board meeting.

AGENDA #6 "DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: UPDATE ON DAMAGED SIGNAGE AT THE TREE IDENTIFICATION PARK" Mrs. McKinney had spoken with Jamie VanDyke on whether or not signage for the Tree Identification Park would be something they could create. Mr. VanDyke indicated that the signs would be too small for them to make. Mrs. McKinney then got in touch with Chris Foust, and Mr. Foust suggested that all signs could be replaced with metal signs and cut vinyl for wording. Those would be \$12.00 per sign. Mr. Foust also suggested that damaged signs could be replaced with the same type of sign at \$8.00 per sign. Lastly, Mr. Foust offered that the steel holders for the signs could be lengthened to a height of approximately three feet to help prevent damage from mowing and weed eating.

Mrs. McKinney felt that the damaged signs should certainly be replaced, and that a firm quote be provided on steel holders for all of the signs.

Mrs. Sterchi asked how many signs were damaged. Mrs. McKinney estimated that about 10 signs were damaged.

The Board had \$2,542.00 that could be spend this fiscal year. An amount of \$2,500.00 was received from Ameren's Right Tree, Right Place Grant. Mrs. Sterchi wondered if and how many trees needed to be purchased. She had heard that Ameren would want a picture of a tree planting with Mr. Marshall. Mr. Marshall indicated that any photo of how the Ameren funds were utilized would be great. The more that Ameren was publicized, the more likely that the program would continue.

Mrs. McKinney moved to replace all damaged signs at the Tree Identification Park, and to add extensions to the steel holders, seconded by Mrs. Sterchi. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #7 "DISCUSSION: TREE CITY U.S.A. APPLICATION" Mrs. Sterchi told the Board that she was working on another application for designation as a Tree City U.S.A. The application would need to be submitted by December 31st. Mrs. Sterchi did not feel that there was any reason the City would be denied another designation.

AGENDA #8 "GENERAL DISCUSSION" Mr. Marshall asked if the Tree Board celebrated Arbor Day. Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Sterchi replied that proclamations were signed each year, a City tree and City flower had been designated, and tree give-a-ways had also been offered in celebration.

Mr. Marshall was aware that Ameren offered funding for Arbor Day celebrations. Mrs. McKinney noted that she would like to be able to offer a give-a-way of the City tree, the Hickory.

Mr. Marshall would further research the Arbor Day funding, and Mrs. McKinney would seek Hickory suppliers.

AGENDA #9 "SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING DATE" The Board felt that the next meeting could be scheduled some time after the new year.

AGENDA #10 "ADJOURN" Mrs. McKinney moved to adjourn.

Mr. Caulfield asked Mr. Marshall if Ameren had looked at the American Elm on N. Camp Avenue. Mr. Marshall replied that he had taken a look at the tree. Ameren would be able to prune some of the tree, but would not be able to put much time into the pruning. Mr. Marshall would also be in touch with Street Department Supervisor Tyler Kocher to see if he could be of any assistance.

Mrs. Sterchi seconded the motion to adjourn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. The Tree Board meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk

