

CITY OF OLNEY TREE BOARD  
OLNEY CITY HALL  
APRIL 23, 2015  
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 Chairman Greg Eyer presiding.

AGENDA #2 “ROLL CALL” The following Tree Board members were present: Greg Eyer, Bill Caulfield, Brandy McKinney, and Kelsie Sterchi. Paige Abell entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Audrey Jensen and Chris Simpson were absent.

AGENDA #3 “APPROVE MINUTES OF TREE BOARD MEETING ON March 26, 2015” Mrs. McKinney wished to amend paragraph two under 5-C to note that Park Department Supervisor Frank Bradley had received the quote from Keller’s Landscaping & Nursery. With that change, Mrs. McKinney moved to approve the Tree Board minutes from March 26, 2015, seconded by Mr. Eyer. A majority affirmative voice vote was received to approve the minutes.

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

AGENDA #5 “MUSGROVE PARK”

5-A “Bald Cypress Planting Location at Musgrove Park” The Tree Board had 16 Bald Cypress trees being held at Keller’s Landscaping & Nursery awaiting approval on a location for planting. The area of Musgrove Park that runs along N. East Street held potential for planting of Bald Cypress. The area was not low lying, so the Bald Cypress should not produce knees at that location.

Mr. Eyer also mentioned that the northwest area of the Olney City Park could be an ideal location for some of the trees. He envisioned the northwest corner near the creek.

Mr. Eyer moved to recommend planting of four Bald Cypress trees in Musgrove Park along N. East Street and, pending further approval from Mr. Bradley, and to plant 12 Bald Cypress trees in the northwest corner of the Olney City Park near the creek, seconded by Mrs. Sterchi. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

5-B “Updates Regarding Sugar Maple Planting at Musgrove Park on April 24, 2015” Mrs. Sterchi had just received word from Mr. Bradley that the Sugar Maple trees would be delivered the morning of April 24. After receiving the information, Mrs. Sterchi immediately sent a news release to the newspaper and radio station making them aware that the tree planting would be taking place at 10:00 a.m. on Arbor Day, and that the public was invited to participate. Information was also posted onto the City’s Facebook page.

Mr. Bradley had told Mrs. Sterchi that he would escort the delivery driver to Musgrove Park. He would also provide some Park Department tools for use in the planting. Extra dirt could be

delivered to the Haven Hill dirt pile. Mr. Bradley could also contact the Sewer Department to have them bring the flusher truck for water use.

Mr. Eyer would be at Musgrove Park early to stake locations for the trees.

5-C “Planting of Willow Trees at Musgrove Park-Water Detention Areas or Other Appropriate Area” At the prior Tree Board meeting, the board had indicated interest in planting Willow trees instead of Bald Cypress trees in the water detention areas.

Mrs. McKinney had been in touch with Mr. Bradley, and he told her that he would encourage the Board to leave the water detention areas as-is for the time being.

The Board still felt that Willow trees were beautiful. In wishing to have the trees purchased this fiscal year, Mr. Eyer moved to recommend the purchase of 12 Willow trees, of which a planting location could be later determined by Mr. Bradley’s approval, seconded by Mrs. McKinney. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Remaining Ameren grant funds would be used for the purchase.

#### AGENDA #6 “BOARD DISCUSSION”

6-A “Update on Reinstating Policy of Having a Tree Board Member Evaluate a City Tree Before Removal” Mr. Eyer spoke with Street Supervisor Tom Umfleet about the potential of having a Tree Board member evaluate a City tree before removal in the chance that the tree could be saved or another solution offered. Mr. Umfleet told Mr. Eyer that the issue with the suggestion would be the liability.

Such a program had been in place in the past. The program tapered off because some trees were not removed per Tree Board suggestion, and then some sort of damage happened from such trees. The City was then held liable for the damages. It would not be in the City’s best interest at this time to reinstate the program.

During the conversation with Mr. Umfleet, it was mentioned that one of the Bower Park trees would be removed as it has been deemed a dangerous tree. Mr. Umfleet and Mr. Bradley would encourage planting of a replacement tree or trees in Bower Park after the removal.

The right-of-way area on Main Street near the TrustBank was also discussed as a potential place for tree planting. Mr. Umfleet indicated that there were too many utilities between the sidewalk and the street in that particular area.

Mr. Caulfield encouraged the planting of ornamental trees such as Crape Myrtle in effort to beautify the downtown area. There was an area along Cherry Street that had some beautiful ornamental trees. He would take anyone interested by there after the meeting. Mr. Caulfield also reported a dangerous tree near Elliot and Cherry Streets. Mrs. Sterchi would create a work order for the Street Department to take a look.

6-B “Plan for Replacement Trees Along City Streets” Mrs. McKinney hoped that in the future, if a tree was removed, a replacement tree could be planted on either side of the area of removal. The Board as a whole was very interested in a replacement tree program.

Mr. Eyer moved to propose a future tree replacement program that would allow for planting two replacement trees (ornamental if under power lines or a tree of a larger stature if space is available) in the area of each removed City tree, seconded by Mrs. Sterchi. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

6-C "General Discussion" There was no additional discussion.

AGENDA #7 "SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE" The Board decided to take a break from meetings during the coming summer. The next meeting of the Tree Board would be on August 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA #8 "ADJOURN" Mrs. Sterchi moved to adjourn the Tree Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Eyer. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. The Tree Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi