



Tree Commission Meeting
April 14, 2008
City Hall
City of Galesburg

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lyle Johnson @ 4:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Members Johnson, Trant, Ralston, Allen, Gorham, Arborist Johnson, and Director Cox.

Absent: None

Minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting were approved.

Arborist Report: The Monthly Forestry Report was distributed and accepted.

- ≡ We requested and will receive Emerald Ash Borer Awareness brochures from Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
- ≡ We received the 75 trees for the tree nursery, 25 Prairiefire Crabapples, 25 Cathedral Elms and 25 Autumn Blaze Maples.
- ≡ Arbor Day Planting will be at GHS on April 25th @ 11:00 A.M.
- ≡ An Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented at the April 21st City Council meeting.
- ≡ Tree at 229 Garfield will be removed on April 15th.

Old Business:

- . The installation of trees at the O.T. Johnson site was discussed. The location and time is not known at this time.

New Business

- ≡ Senate Bill 2120 is a bill that originally would have allowed utility companies to remove any tree below a power line. The bill as currently written will call for a "Plant the Right Tree Awareness Week".
- ≡ It was discussed that homeowners need to be aware of fly-by-night tree trimmers.
- ≡ The City has sent out letters to homeowners who lost a tree under a power line in last year's wind storm offering them a tree voucher.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 P.M.

Larry Cox, Director of Public Works