

CITY OF GALESBURG

Public Works Department

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Tree Commission Minutes

April 12, 2010

City Hall

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

Roll Call: Present: Members Dick Ralston, Pat Trant, Lyle Johnson, Millie Allen, Ann Pennington and City Arborist Gary Johnson and Kitlyn Rescinito, Public Works.

Absent: Larry Cox, who was on vacation.

Minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

Arborist Report:

The Monthly Forestry Report was distributed, reviewed and accepted.

Gary said the nursery is growing and there are several trees in the nursery now with a total of 32 trees including Prairie Fire Crab, White Oak, Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac, Paperbark Maple, Red Sunset, and Cathedral Elms. Funding from Ameren is down from last year for the nursery.

Old Business:

Lyle Johnson distributed the updated list of trees at Standish Park Arboretum. Pat Trant mentioned a typo on the Common Tree Name – Ginkgo should be corrected. The committee will be reviewing the trees list, attached. Two hard Maples in Standish Park on the west side will need to be removed per Gary. They will replace these hard Maples later this year.

Millie Allen asked about the Ash Borer and where the traps would be placed. Gary said they will be put in rural areas. Ash trees make up 25-28% of the City trees.

New Business:

For the Arbor Day Celebration, a Paperbark Maple tree will be planted at Debbie Klapp Park just east of the playground at 11:00 A.M. on April 30th. Ann Pennington asked about being present for the Arbor Day planting. Gary said City Park crews put a fence and mulched around the Cathedral Elm planted last year for Arbor Day at Lincoln Park, just south of the Veterans Memorial.

Richard Ralston made a motion to adjourn and Millie seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Kitlyn Rescinito, Public Works Department