



Tree Commission Meeting
July 10, 2009
City Hall
City of Galesburg

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson @ 4:03 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Members Dick Ralston, Pat Trant, Judy Gorham, Lyle Johnson, City Arborist Gary Johnson and Public Works Secretary Kitlyn Rescinito.

Absent: Millie Allen

Minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Arborist Report:

The Monthly Forestry Report for June was distributed, reviewed and accepted. Gary said the dumpsite is now cleaned up. There was a correction in the report. Total tree planted is 0, and tree permits issued is 6.

Old Business:

Member Gorham recommended that Standish Park Arboretum be reviewed and any “missing” species of tree be added as space allows. The commission will review when Director Cox returns.

Gary Johnson said in larger cities bees are being used to kill the Emerald Ash Borer.

The trees for the nursery have arrived.

New Business:

Pickard Road is now open.

Dick Ralston asked about planting Ginkgo trees and if there are White Oaks left at Hawthorne Centre. Gary said we need to hire Rutledge to thin the Oaks out.

Judy asked about landscaping along Veterans Drive.

Master Gardner's are identifying the Ash Borer. They are making an effort for educational study.

Judy asked about the IL Big Tree Champion applications and where to send them in. This is worth pursuing. You can go online to website and get application. The website is: http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/forestry/il_big_tree.html

Dan Thompson would like to see a link on the City of Galesburg website stating the biggest/oldest trees in the community.

Dick Ralston made a motion for adjournment, Judy seconded motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Kitlyn Rescinito, Public Works