



Tree Commission – August 14, 2023
City Hall, Galesburg, IL

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ann Pennington

Attendance:

Members Present:

Ann Pennington, Bill Sime, Dan Thompson, Pat Trant

City of Galesburg:

Elizabeth Varner, Director of Parks and Recreation

Absent: Jane Easterly, Don Miles -Superintendent of Parks

Guest: None

Minutes:

The minutes of the July 2023 meeting were approved with motions from Pat Trant and Bill Sime.

Forestry Report:

A Forestry report was provided for July showing 13 tree removals and 47 trees trimmed. There were 362 loads of brush dumped. It was noted that 222 trees have been planted as part of Project 350 since August 5, 2023.

Old Business:

None

New Business: Chairperson Ann Pennington, brought up the tree list showing the original tree species. List A showed the list of original tree species at Standish Park Arboretum, and List D showed a list of tree species to be added to the arboretum as space allows. This was interesting information to see the original list. Jim Cueno will be updating the list once the information is provided. Ann brought the Arbor Day newsletter from March / April 2023 talking about the Tree City USA Growth Awards. She pointed out outstanding examples of growth in Glenview and Springfield, IL. Ann suggested that Ameren be asked to join the Tree Commission for Arbor Day next year. Elizabeth Varner will reach out to Ameren regarding this, while explaining they did reach out to plant trees.

Bill Sime noted that a big limb is down in Standish Park from the storm. Elizabeth will inform Forestry to take care of it. Bill also likes how the tree canopy at the park was raised.

Pat Trant explained that Chris Enroth has warned against Maple tree plantings due to infestation. He stated that Tom Simkins has been diversifying the trees and would like to know what trees would be recommended to plant. Elizabeth will check with Forestry.



Standish Park:

The Tree Commission walked to Standish Park to see the Tree Tags which have since been placed on the trees. Positive comments were made regarding the tree trimming and raising of the canopy. The tree limbs that are damaged, and a split tree were noticed from the storm.

Additional Comments:

Bill Sime needs a Sugar Maple on the Terrace to be looked at by Forestry.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023

Elizabeth Varner

Director of Parks & Recreation, Elizabeth Varner