

Tree Commission Minutes, February 12, 2024
City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois

Meeting was called to order by Ann Pennington at 4:02 pm

Roll Call: Present: Members: Ann Pennington, Pat Trant, Dan Thompson, Bill Sime, Jane Easterly, Interim Park and Recreation Director Don Miles
Absent: none

Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were approved, with one change, followed by motions from Pat Trant and Bill Sime. The lone change was a correction in the spelling of the city of Bettendorf.

Forestry Report:

The Forestry Report was provided for December and January. Pat Trant asked if past year numbers could be added to the report so that there would be a way to gauge productivity from one to year the next. Interim Director Miles stated that he would see if the numbers could be added to the report.

Bill Sime asked about the amount money left in the Project 350 account. Interim Director Miles stated that the amount Tom Simkins provided in December was correct and that there was money for tree purchases in 2024. Funds will need to be procured for future years since Tom is two years ahead of schedule.

Old Business:

The question was asked about the Disc Golf Course taking place at Lake Storey Park. Interim Director Miles stated that he had met with the organizer again in January. The meeting was for measuring the length of the holes and more discussion about what trees or material was to be removed as this project progresses.

A question about the Arbor Day planting at the new Library was raised and it was decided to discuss and finalize at next months meeting.

New Business:

Ann Pennington asked about the possibility of a memorial tree being planted in the future for Gary Johnson, former City Arborist, as he is in very poor health. Interim Director Miles stated that there would be a tree planted in his honor. Ann stated that she would find out what his favorite tree is and a possible location for planting could be from his family.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Don Miles, Interim Parks and Recreation Director