

Tree Commission Minutes, April 14, 2025
City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois

Meeting was called to order by Ann Pennington at 4:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Members: Ann Pennington, Pat Trant, Dan Thompson, Bill Sime, Jane Easterly, Arborist Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles
 Absent: none

Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved by a motion from Jane Easterly, seconded by Pat Trant.

Forestry Report:

The Forestry Report was presented by Arborist Brandon Phillips. Brandon started his position on March 24th and is looking forward to improving the City's Tree Program.

Pat Trant asked about the Citizen Concerns line in the report. In the past these issues were tracked, but with the turnover of staff and the lack of staff it has been passed over.

Old Business:

The Arbor Day tree planting has finally been officially approved and is set for Friday April 25th at King Elementary School at 10 am. The tree will be an oak, but the species has not been determined yet. There will be a proclamation read at the April 21st Council meeting, Bill Sime and Tom Simkins will be there to accept.

There was a short discussion about the display at the concert. All members stated that it went as well as could be expected and discussed what worked and what did not in preparation for possible future events.

The tree ordinances that Bill Sime had asked about last month had not been updated in retrospect to the Arborist position.

New Business:

Bill Sime asked that a date be set to go through Standish Arboretum to check on any missing or damaged tags so that an order can be placed to correct any deficiencies.

Ann Pennington stated that she had someone inquire about a memorial tree planting. Director Miles asked Ann to direct them to his office to handle the request.

Citizen Comments:

Robert Cain was in attendance asking about getting a nice shade tree planted back on his terrace after some trees had been removed. He also stated that at one time the inventory at Standish Arboretum included all of the trees native to Illinois.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 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, Parks and Recreation Director