

Tree Commission Minutes, June 9, 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, Bill Sime, Jane Easterly, Dan Thompson, Arborist Brandon Phillips (arrived late due to a tree call), and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles
Absent: none

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved by a motion from Jane Easterly with a second by Bill Sime.

Forestry Report:

The Forestry Report was presented by Arborist Brandon Phillips. Brandon explained that stump removals were going fine until the stump grinder broke down. There are about fifteen stumps left to grind once the new stump grinder is purchased. The removal list is growing to about eighty trees.

Old Business:

Ann and Bill have been working to update the tree map at Standish. They have been checking trees for proper identification and whether tags are still legible. They have found that most tags have been damaged by squirrels and some are missing. It was decided to discuss with the tree tag supplier before purchasing more tags to make sure a different tag should be ordered that could withstand damage better. Once all information has been confirmed, the map will be updated and presented to the commission before being publicized.

New Business:

Dan Thompson asked how someone is supposed to know about the 'Champion Tree' form that is on the website, without any promotion of it. Director Miles stated that he would discuss with staff to determine the proper avenue to get the information out to the residents. He also asked who receives the form once it has been sent in. Director Miles will ask IT.

Citizen Comments:

None.

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