

Tree Commission Minutes, July 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, Bill Sime, Jane Easterly, Dan Thompson, Arborist Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles
Absent: none

Minutes: Minutes from the June meeting were approved by a motion from Jane Easterly with a second by Dan Thompson.

Forestry Report:

The Forestry Report was presented by Arborist Brandon Phillips. Brandon explained that the stump list has been eliminated except for stumps in park areas. Going forward as trees are removed the stumps will be removed soon after to avoid complaints about stumps not being removed soon enough.

Old Business:

Director Miles explained that the Champion Tree form is on the website linked to the Tree Commission and if a form is filled out it does get sent to him. The plan is to get the form linked to other areas of the website, so that it is easier to find for our residents.

Bill and Ann updated members about the tree map and tags at Standish Arboretum. A list was provided of the damaged tags, and the variety of trees. The next step is for Brandon and his staff to confirm a few questions about a few trees. Once these items are confirmed, the map can be updated, then tags will be ordered. A discussion about what tags to order for the next round to avoid damage was held as well.

New Business:

Tom Simkins gave an update that the City has already received a \$2,000 grant and was informed of another grant worth up to \$15,000 that has been awarded that will coming in the near future to be used to purchase more trees.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 P.M.

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

Don Miles, Parks and Recreation Director