

# **CHARLESTON TREE COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2019 MEETING**



SWEET BAY MAGNOLIA

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Adkins acting as facilitator for the Tree Board. The meeting started at 8:00 AM in the upstairs conference room at 520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, Illinois.

Members in attendance included Stan Adkins, Cynthia Nichols, Marissa Grant, Kent Macy, and Larry Shobe. CJ Applegate, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Maintenance was also in attendance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Reflections on Arbor Day/Spring Tree Planting.** Adkins and Nichols reviewed for the Board the planting of 5 shade trees at Baker Fields, North and South. 2 Classes of 6<sup>th</sup> graders helped with the plantings. Mrs Julia Beabout, one of the teachers helped coordinate the Arbor Day event. Nichols and Adkins explained to the approximately 50 students the History of Arbor Day, the Charleston Tree Board purpose, the City of Charleston's membership in Tree City USA and lastly, how to correctly plant a tree.

**City Flowers planting [vinca].** Adkins reported on the tentative plans for the Tree Board to plant trays of vinca and mulching them at the 2 sites along Lincoln Avenue. One is the former Lawyer-Richie corner and the other is at the Hydro Wash business.

**EAB Monitoring.** As trees leaf out it is time to look for crown die off and other symptoms of EAB. The areas of ash trees growing in close proximity to each other include the downtown square, Sister City Park and the neighborhoods just north of Lanman-Seaton Field.

**Problem trees.** None reported at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tree Board meeting time for future.** Tree Board members came to a consensus that the best time to meet for the most members would be 8:00 AM on Wednesday mornings. It was suggested that social conversations be held after all business was conducted and the meeting adjourned. City Clerk Deb Muller will be notified of the meeting time change.

**Tree Board member replacement.** Gary Cole has decided to leave the Board due to health issues. Gary has contributed tremendously to the City of Charleston as a Tree Board member for many years. Adkins read a letter from Mayor Combs to Gary thanking him for his service. Nichols suggested we each send cards to Gary expressing our thanks for his service and friendship.

**Red Bud replacement plan.** It was noted by members that some of the recently planted Red Bud trees at Charleston High School and Jefferson Elementary School had died. It was agreed that these trees be replaced in a special tree planting this FALL ,perhaps with a group of scouts or school groups. At this time 5 trees donated by the Tree Board would need to be planted.

**Under the Canopy Distribution Plan.** The Board reviewed the very informative, colorful, multi paged brochure. This product illustrates many desirable trees to purchase and plant. It also describes how to plant trees, where to plant, proper pruning, and general tree care and maintenance. Ideas were explored as to how to distribute the some 400 copies received by the City of Charleston.

**Mulching of Tree Board donated trees.** Adkins will send a list of trees to CJ Applegate that need to be mulched . These are trees, many of which were planted during the last 3-4 years during Arbor Day.

**Other.** Kent Macy requested Adkins send him some items for the Tree Board web site such as a history of the Tree Board.

The meeting was **adjourned** on a motion by Kent Macy as seconded by Marissa Grant at 8:40 AM.

**The next meeting will be 8:00 Am on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.**