

# **MINUTES OF CHARLESTON TREE COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 30, 2018**



**Persian silk Tree [Mimosa]**

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM in the upstairs conference room at 520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, Illinois by Secretary Stan Adkins acting as facilitator.

Members present were Marissa Grant, Cynthia Nichols, Kent Macy and Stan Adkins.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Arbor Day activities—2018. Adkins reviewed the 3 projects the Tree Board sponsored or helped with . One was the cooperative tree planting at the Lake Charleston trailhead site. Charleston Rotary, EIU sustainable energy students, Charleston Tree Board and the City of Charleston planted some 2 dozen trees . The second project which was sponsored by the Tree Board was to celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial through the planting of 2 white oak trees at the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum site. The white oak was selected as it is the state tree.

The third project which was sponsored also by the Tree Board involved planting 6 Shumard Red Oak in the Baker Fields complex. The sixth grade class from Jefferson Elementary helped with the planting. The class is under the direction of Pam Evans.

2. Flower plots along Lincoln Avenue. Again this year the Tree Board will plant vinca at 2 sites along Lincoln Avenue. One is at the corner of University and Lincoln in front of Advance Auto Parts. The other is at 11<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln in front of Lawyer-Richey Florists. Tree Board members were asked for help in planting, mulching, weeding, and watering.

3. Updating Tree Board website. Kent Macy, Marissa Grant, and Cynthia Nichols volunteered to work with the City webmaster in updating the Tree Board website within the City's home page. The webmaster is Diane Ratliff and she can be reached at 348-0430. Diane is also the City's Tourism Director. Adkins will retrieve a list of modifications previously identified by Tree Board members. Diane's email is [TourismDirector@co.coles.il.us](mailto:TourismDirector@co.coles.il.us)
4. Monitoring for EAB. Gordon Tucker reported a possible infected ash on 14<sup>th</sup> street. The property is the former Trailmobile Plant. Adkins checked the tree and it is infected with many borers but none appear to be d-shaped. The holes are round and too large for EAB. However, the tree is in a late stage of decline and should be removed. It is not on city property. Adkins welcomed other members to stop by and observe for infection.
5. Problem trees. None reported at this time.
6. Other.
  - a. Discussion followed on future planning for this fall and the planting of additional trees in city parks.
  - b. Discussion as to a possible future Tree Board meeting with Steve Pamperin on removing invasives at the Lake Island Tract.
  - c. Question raised as to follow up on the Tree Campus USA report to find out if someone at EIU will be filing the report by the December deadline. [Kristin Gisondi]

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 27, 2018 in the upstairs conference room at 520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, Illinois.

Submitted by; Stan Adkins, Secretary