

CHARLESTON TREE COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2017

The meeting of June 28, 2017 was convened at 6:36 PM in the upstairs conference room at 520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, Illinois.

Members present were Stan Adkins, Larry Shobe, Cynthia Nichols, and Kent Macy. Also present was C.J.Applegate, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Maintenance.

The minutes of May 31, 2017 were approved following a motion by Kent Macy as seconded by Larry Shobe.

OLD BUSINESS

1. EAB Infected Trees. There are 2 ash trees just north of the backstop fence at south Baker baseball/softball field that appear to be infected. Continued monitoring will be necessary.
2. Street Tree Inventory of Ash Population. Discussion proceeded as to locations of ash trees in Charleston based on the last inventory. Adkins will send out a list of additional ash trees that were missed on inventory due to recent plantings following inventory.
3. Problem Trees. A short discussion followed concerning an ash tree just north west of the pavilion at sister City Park. IT was agreed to further monitor the extent of the hazard that this tree might cause.
4. Invasive Plants at Lake Island Tract. Concerns were voiced about the continued removal of invasive plants at the Lake Island Tract. Tree Board members expressed a fear that without a plan to continuously remove invasives such as autumn olive and bush honeysuckle the area will become overgrown once again. Steve Pamperin is the contact person that might inform members of an existing plan or lack thereof.
5. Status of Donated Trees from 2016 and 2017. Information was provided as to the health of trees the Tree Board had donated in the past to schools, city parks, and habitat homes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Member Phone Numbers/Member selection--- a short discussion was held concerning updating phone numbers of members and replacing Bob wagoner on the tree Board.
2. Update Tree Board Web Site/City of Charleston Web site. In the past a list was developed of items that might be added to the Tree Board menu within the city web site. Adkins will send out this list. Cynthia Nichols volunteered to work with Todd Kibler on changes to this web site.

ADJOURNMENT: MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM

NEXT MEETING : Wednesday, July 26, 2017.