

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting
February 17, 2015

Members Present:
Barb Grabner-Kerns
Kira Propst
Phyllis Wilson
Alderman Budd

Chairman Barb Grabner-Kerns called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 5:01 P.M.

First agenda item discussed was an Arbor Day Event which would include a possible tree planting. Possible areas mentioned to plant for Arbor Day included Lake Taylorville, the empty lot east of the DMV and an evergreen tree in front of City Hall. Motion to recommend planting an evergreen in front of City Hall was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 3-0.

Second agenda item was reviewing the Taylorville Tree Inventory Report Draft put together by Barb Grabner-Kerns. Needs a few updates to make final. The Tree Board reviewed the Recommendations by Tree Board section. They are as follows:

- 1) Plant more trees. We recommend a special line item in the budget of at least \$1,000 for tree planting annually. Additional grant funds and donations should also be sought.
- 2) Diversify species - a diverse mix of trees should be planted with no more Maples planted. Maple trees should be removed from the city's recommended street tree list. No invasive species should be planted in public spaces (e.g., Callery Pears). A recommended street tree list is included in the Appendix.
- 3) Make a longer-term plan to remove trees that are dead or in poor condition.
- 4) Have a goal of replacing every tree removed with a new tree from the recommended street tree list. If the location of the tree that is removed is not appropriate for planting trees, plant a new tree elsewhere.
- 5) Focus on maintaining trees with proper pruning, mulching, watering, ect.

Motion was made by Kira Propst to approve the recommendations list seconded by Phyllis Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.

Other items discussed by the Tree Board included their search for two members. Possibly by advertising or Mayor Brotherton making a statement. Also, the Tree Board would like to present the finalized Taylorville Tree Inventory Report to the Street and Sewer Committee and/or City Council.

Motion was made by Barb Grabner-Kerns at 6:03 P.M. to adjourn seconded by Phyllis Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.


Kira Propst, Secretary