

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting  
January 20, 2015

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

Chairman Barb Grabner-Kerns called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.


First agenda item discussed was the Tree City application. Barb Grabner-Kerns will fill out the application for this year. Will talk to the Mayor about doing an Arbor Day Declaration. Will also need to plan something for Arbor Day to continue being a part of Tree City. Discussion included tree plantings, tree trimmings or maintenance with trees in general. The board will work on setting more definite plans at future meetings.

Second agenda item discussed was the tree inventory that Barb Grabner-Kerns has input in i-Tree. She provided the board members with data sheets that gave a better idea of how many and what types of trees that were on city property. Would like to present the reports to City Council at a future date and possibly talk to other groups to spread the knowledge.

Third agenda item discussed was 2015 recommendations. Will have more information to come.

No other matters were brought before the Tree Board.

Motion by Barb Grabner-Kerns seconded by Phyllis Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

  
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Kira Propst, Secretary

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.

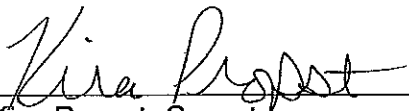
Second agenda item was reviewing the Taylorville Tree Inventory Report Draft put together by Barb Grabner-Kerns. Needs a few updates to make final. The Tree Board reviewed the Recommendations by Tree Board section. They are as follows:

- 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

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting  
April 14, 2015

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

Chairman Barb Grabner-Kerns called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 5:01 P.M.

First agenda item discussed was the request of Kay Masterson to remove 3 trees at 402 N. Pine. The trees appear to be healthy and budding. Though, the middle tree did appear to be split and could cause weakness in the trunk. Motion made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst for city to remove split tree in the middle. Motion carried 3-0.

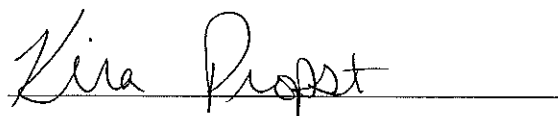
Motion made by Phyllis Wilson for homeowner, at their expense, to hire I.S.A. (International Society of Arboriculture) Certified Arborist to look at other two trees to determine if the trees are healthy or hazardous seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 3-0.

Second agenda item discussed was the request of Superintendent Dick Wiseman to remove a sweet gum tree on the 1000 block of E. Stevenson. Motion made by Kira Propst to make a decision regarding this request at the next Tree Board Meeting seconded by Phyllis Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.

Third agenda item discussed was the Arbor Day Event Friday, April 24, 2015 at Christian County Mental Health Workshop. Barb Grabner-Kerns is looking for an oak tree to donate for the planting. The tree is to be planted at 10 A.M. in front of Christian County Mental Health Workshop, 707 Mc Adam Drive. Mayor Brotherton will make a proclamation at the event.

No other matters were brought before the Tree Board.

Motion by Phyllis Wilson second by Kira Propst to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.



Kira Propst, Secretary

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting  
June 9, 2015

Members Present:

Barb Grabner-Kerns  
Richard Hughes  
Kira Propst  
Phyllis Wilson  
Alderman Budd

Also Present:

Alderman Moore  
Kay Masterson  
James Maple

Chairman Barb Grabner-Kerns called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

First agenda item discussed was the request of Kay Masterson to remove the 3 walnut trees located at 402 N. Pine. The board previously discussed and made a motion for the city to take down the middle tree. The request for an arborist to look at the trees was denied due to the cost. The board discussed the immediate removal of the middle tree and trimming of the north and south trees away from the home and the yard. Richard Hughes will contact a few people to see if they would be interested in purchasing the trees from the city for lumber.

First motion on this item for the middle tree and stump to be removed by the city and the other two trees to be trimmed immediately by the city was made by Phyllis Wilson and seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Second motion on this item for Richard Hughes to explore sawmills and/or individuals to purchase the north and south trees on property as well as other trees located on Snodgrass was made by Barb Grabner-Kerns seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Second agenda item discussed was the request of Superintendent Dick Wiseman to remove 2 sweet gum trees located at the empty lot east of 1001 E. Stevenson. There are hanging limbs in both trees and the west tree is in poorest condition.

Motion for the city to take down the west tree and remove stump and only trim the east tree as well as plant a replacement shade tree from the approved city tree list was made by Phyllis Wilson and seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Third agenda item discussed was the request of Carol Dees to remove 2 birch trees located at 1201 W. Vine. Both trees appear to be dying and are visibly cracked. The homeowner provided pictures to Phyllis Wilson to provide a better view of trees.

Motion for the city to remove both trees and stumps and replace with trees from the approved city tree list was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Fourth agenda item discussed was the request of James Maple to remove an

ash tree and a sweet gum tree located at 1000 W. Main Cross. The ash tree is located right on the corner of W. Main Cross and Cheney and is in very poor condition. The sweet gum tree is close to the home as well as the intersection.

First motion on this item for the city to remove the ash tree and stump and the homeowner to replace with a smaller flowering tree was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Second motion on this item for the city to remove the sweet gum tree and stump and the homeowner to replace with a smaller tree was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Fifth agenda item discussed was recruiting new members. The board welcomed Richard Hughes as the newest member of the board. Discussed putting an ad in the local news paper. No leads on new members.

Sixth agenda item discussed was the resignation of the current acting chairman of the tree board, Barb Grabner-Kerns. She will resign as of September 1, 2015. Will continue as chairman until then.

Seventh agenda item discussed was a maple tree brought to the attention of Kira Propst located at 727 W. Vine. The tree is visibly hollow from the base of the trunk upward. Will formally discuss at the next tree board meeting.

No other matters were brought before the board.

Motion by Kira Propst seconded by Phyllis Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

  
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Kira Propst, Secretary

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting  
July 14, 2015

Members Present:

Barb Grabner-Kerns  
Kira Propst  
Phyllis Wilson

Also Present:

Rose Blackburn  
Dean Long

Chairman Barb Grabner-Kerns called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 5:07 P.M.

First agenda item discussed was the request of Rose Blackburn to remove a maple tree located at 801 W. Main Cross. The tree is dead and hollow. A large branch fell across the roadway during a storm recently and blocked traffic on W. Main Cross. The board agreed that the tree needs to come down.

Motion for the city to take down the maple tree and grind the stump and a new tree from the approved list to be planted was made by Phyllis Wilson and seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 3-0.

Second agenda item discussed was the request of Kira Propst to remove a maple tree located at 720 W. Vine. The tree is dead and soft. It drops limbs during storms as well as days when there isn't wind. Concerned that it will fall during a storm on to a home or a car. Homeowner is willing to replace with a medium approved tree from the approved tree list.

A motion for the city to remove tree and grind stump and the homeowner to replace tree was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 3-0.

Third agenda item discussed was the request to remove tree located at 727 W. Vine. The maple tree is on the east side of the property line and is visibly hollow from the base of the trunk to the top. Potential danger due to several cars and homes close by.

Motion for the city to remove the tree and grind the stump was made by Phyllis Wilson and seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 3-0.

In other matters, Barb Grabner-Kerns will call Ameren to inquire about grants to add money to the tree budget for tree removals. Board was in favor.

Dean Long had a request to bring before the board. He has a maple tree located at 315 N Pershing Ave. that he would like the city to trim. He stated that he had discussed it with Superintendent Wiseman and wanted to bring it to the tree board's attention for approval. The board discussed and stated they would pass on his request to the Street and Sewer Committee.

No other matters were brought before the board.

Motion by Kira Propst to adjourn seconded by Phyllis Wilson. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

  
Kira Propst, Secretary

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting  
August 11, 2015

Members Present:

Barb Grabner-Kerns  
Richard Hughes  
Kira Propst  
Phyllis Wilson  
Alderman Budd

Also Present:

Mayor Brotherton

Chairman Barb Grabner-Kerns called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

First agenda item discussed was planting trees at the Keep Taylorville Beautiful park on Route 48 and the lake. Evergreens would need to be planted no later than the first week in September. Electrical is to be added to the Welcome to Taylorville signs (all but the sign on Route 29 on the north side of town).

Motion for immediate tree planting at the lake was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Carried 4-0.

In other matters, Mayor Brotherton informed the board of an anonymous person who wants to donate several evergreens to the city for planting. Would like to put them by the Keep Taylorville Beautiful park along McAdams Drive. Mayor Brotherton would find out more on this and keep Chairman Grabner-Kerns informed.

A tree removal request was presented before the board at 415 E. Park Street. An official request will be put through and removal will be discussed at the next tree board meeting.

No other matters were brought before the board.

Motion by Barb Grabner-Kerns to adjourn seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

  
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Kira Propst, Secretary