

Minutes June 3, 2014 Tree Commission

Called to order: 4:00 p.m. Barbara Stallard

Attendance: Ellen, Darrell, Dick, Barb, Kathryn, and Mark Rosen and Guest John Gantner

Approval of minutes: June Minutes approved by Darrel, seconded by Ellen.

Guests: John Gantner

Old Business: Spring Bloom Festival - Darrel proposed tree plantings, for more ideal time of the year. Mark is looking into wild bird exhibit, prairie grass, etc., free reason to solicit, look for sponsor to cover fees. Next year's date is April 25, 2015 (last Saturday) could expand on food, electricity still a concern. Dick suggested moving memorial tree table closer to main activities. Notice of purchasing memorial tree not later than September, coincide with street tree plantings. Ellen called to our attention the memorial plaque for her daughter had the name misspelled – Mark was going to check with Ryan to get corrected. Approximately 400 people attended our first Spring Bloom Festival.

New Business:

1. Trees on Lindenthal Avenue - few left, resident concerned and desiring to plant more Linden trees. Idea proposed to propagate from few existing trees. On line resources recommended gathering seeds in June. Barb will talk to our contact through FFA at the high school, Don Schmitz. Anyone with old pictures or information please contribute to spark community interest. Mark Rosen noted that there are restrictions for planting large tree compared to earlier city policy. Mr. Gantner felt there were plenty of bare spots. Darrell evaluated the available space and also thought spacing might be an issue. A new planting on city property must have 40 feet from existing. Mark said a Boy Scout Eagle Scout project proposal might be able to encompass the propagation (soft wood cuttings versus seed). History records that the Linden tree bloom time coincided with (indicated ideal time for) wheat harvest.
2. Carbondale tree commission had previously asked to come to one of our meetings but no one came.
3. Annual form (Dick received later after the deadline) conflict of interest???
4. Spring Bloom - We would like to send thank you notes especially to Peg Bellm. Talked about when city council meetings were held to present a follow-up?
Darrell recommended soliciting a "group" like Parks and Recreation to sponsor event in future years.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting September 2, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Comish