



CITY OF URBANA TREE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, July 19, 2023
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: 706 South Glover Avenue Urbana, IL 61802

MINUTES

****due to unforeseen circumstances, these minutes are transcribed from the agenda & member's notes (instead of a recording) and are not a complete record****

Members Present: Carol Augspurger, Stewart Berlocher, & others

Members Absent:

Others Present: Kevin Sanderson

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. A Quorum of Members was present.

B. Public Input

none

C. Tree Species List Arbor Specifications for Community Development

With the use of a spreadsheet, species were categorized by size (large, medium, & small) with requirements of minimum space & distance from a parkway. The following points were discussed:

1. Known problems to be considered in banning a species.
2. Special traits to be considered for inclusion or exclusion:
 - a. native to Illinois, a requirement unless needed for its unique traits
 - b. tolerant to urban conditions/planting space
 - c. generally suitable for planting beneath power lines
 - d. limit use/over-planted genus
 - e. tolerant to poor soil conditions or heat/drought conditions
 - f. other positive traits such as salt tolerant & ability to be shaped
3. A separate list of 32 genus/species was proposed for total banning.
4. A separate list of 7 genus/species (5-8 ft) was proposed for special places.

A determination for each genus/species was made to either remain on the list or move to the banned list. Kevin Sanderson provided information about which species he needed for special conditions; in which the commission took into consideration while making their decisions.

Stewart Berlocher volunteered to research & generate an expanded list of shrubs/hedges to be used in special places.

Decisions made during the meeting were deemed tentative. A list of genus/species was made & will be revisited at the next regular meeting. The new list of shrubs/hedges for special places will be evaluated at the same time.

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.