



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Michael J. Brunk, City Arborist  
**DATE:** June 9, 2016  
**RE:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 25, Legacy Tree Program for the Urbana Park District's Participation in the Urbana Legacy Tree Program and A Resolution Authorizing An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Urbana and the Urbana Park District

### INTRODUCTION

The Urbana Park District has 3,713 trees listed in Urbana's tree inventory. There are many valuable Park District trees, some of which are rare, historic, very old and very large. The Urbana Park District is home to a percentage of Big Grove trees, second and third largest trees in the city, and many interesting species. The Urbana Park District, like the City of Urbana, is interested in preserving trees and desires to become partners in Urbana's established Legacy Tree Program.

### BACKGROUND

Urbana's urban forest consists of all trees, public and private. Both the City and Park District joined efforts in completing an inventory of public trees for the benefit of Urbana's community forest. Likewise, the City and Park District are interested in recognizing and preserving the community's trees. The Urbana Legacy Tree Program/ordinance was created to improve awareness and preservation of the community's most prominent trees, many of which reside on Urbana Park District property. The Urbana Legacy Tree Program provides a conduit for the City and the Park District to work together in recognizing and preserving Urbana's trees.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The Park District's involvement in the Urbana Legacy Tree Program creates many positives for the program and the City.

First, dissemination of Legacy Tree Program information will be enhanced through the addition of the Park District's web site and distribution of handout material. Second, there may also be a savings in printed material through cost sharing with the Park District. Thirdly, cost savings may be possible through quantity orders of recognition plaques due to the Park District's involvement in the program. The parties will be responsible for costs associated with recognizing Legacy Trees within their respective jurisdictional boundaries. Park District staff shall work with the City Arborist in completing Legacy Tree nomination and assessment forms. There will be no additional cost burden to the City for recognizing the Park District's trees. There is no projected negative fiscal impact to the City.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

At their meeting on September 2, 2015, the Urbana Tree Commission, by a unanimous vote of five ayes, approved the pursuit of an agreement to incorporate Urbana Park District trees into the City's Legacy Tree Program. City staff likewise recommends that the City Council approve the attached ordinance, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 25, LEGACY TREE PROGRAM (Section 25-65 Consent; Sec. 25-69 Public awareness programs; Section 25-72 Delisting an unhealthy or declining Legacy Tree)** and the attached resolution, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA AND THE URBANA PARK DISTRICT (Inclusion of Urbana Park District Trees in City of Urbana Legacy Tree Program)**

### Attachments:

1. Minutes of September 2, 2015, Tree Commission Meeting
2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 25, LEGACY TREE PROGRAM (Section 25-65 Consent; Sec. 25-69 Public awareness programs; Section 25-72 Delisting an unhealthy or declining Legacy Tree)
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA AND THE URBANA PARK DISTRICT (Inclusion of Urbana Park District Trees in City of Urbana Legacy Tree Program)
4. Intergovernmental Agreement with Park District for Legacy Tree Recognition

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-06-047

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 25, LEGACY TREE PROGRAM  
(Section 25-65 Consent; Sec. 25-69 Public awareness programs;  
Section 25-72 Delisting an unhealthy or declining Legacy Tree)**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (the "City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (ILCS Const. Art. 7, § 6) and the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-9); and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, a municipal corporation and body politic, has adopted Ordinance No. 2013-04-27 to provide for a program to honor certain trees located within the City's boundaries which ordinance has been commonly referred to as the "Legacy Tree Program Ordinance" which has been codified in Chapter 25, "Vegetation", Article II, "Trees, Plants and Shrubs", Division 4, "Legacy Tree Program" of the Urbana City Code (hereinafter, the "Legacy Tree Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Tree Program is intended , *inter alia*, to establish a voluntary program to recognize and provide information to the public concerning and to encourage the preservation of significant trees located within the City's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Tree Program approved by the City Council, as currently written, includes Section 25-65 which provides:

On receiving a nomination, the city arborist shall contact, in writing, the property owner on which the nominated tree is located to inform the said property owner of the nomination and request the property owner's consent to evaluate and potentially designate the property owner's tree as a legacy tree. If the nominated tree is on property owned by the City of Urbana, the city arborist shall inform the director of public works of the nomination and request consent from the said director to evaluate and potentially designate the tree as a legacy tree. If the city arborist identifies a tree on property for which the owner has received or applied for redevelopment or demolition financial or other assistance from the city, the city arborist shall notify the said property owner that one (1) or more trees on the said owner's property may qualify for designation as a legacy tree. Such property owners will be encouraged to include the preservation of legacy tree candidates in their development plans. Any consent to participate in the legacy tree program by a property owner shall be in writing and signed by the said property owner. If there is more than one (1) property owner on

which the nominated tree is located, the written and signed consent of a majority of all property owners shall be required. In the event that a person purchases property on which one or more Trees have been accorded Legacy Tree status, such status shall continue unless the new Property Owner requests to de-list the one or more Trees as Legacy Trees as provided in Section 12 or Section 13 of this Ordinance. Participation in the program is voluntary.

Prior to the execution of any written request for consent, the city arborist shall provide a written notice in the form of a brochure or other writing to the property owner on which the nominated tree is located which explains:

- (1) The benefits available to the property owner should such nominated tree be designated as a legacy tree;
- (2) The process for the voluntary "designation" and "de-listing" of a legacy tree (as hereinafter set forth);
- (3) Any recommended best practices to ensure long-term health of designated legacy trees.
- (4) Any detriments which might occur from following voluntary tree care best practices.
- (5) Any detriments which might reasonably be expected to arise in connection with a tree being designated as a legacy tree.

In the event, after the provision of the aforesaid written notice, the property owner elects not to sign the consent form, the legacy tree nomination process shall cease and no further action regarding that tree shall be undertaken during the next twelve (12) consecutive months.

and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate and necessary to amend Section 25-65 of the Urbana City Code to clarify the process for removing a tree from the Legacy Tree Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 25-65 of the Urbana City Code shall be and hereby is amended such that it reads as follows with the text underlined and in red to be included:

On receiving a nomination, the city arborist shall contact, in writing, the property owner on which the nominated tree is located to inform the said property owner of the nomination and request the property owner's consent to evaluate and potentially designate the property owner's tree as a legacy tree. If the

nominated tree is on property owned by the City of Urbana, the city arborist shall inform the director of public works of the nomination and request consent from the said director to evaluate and potentially designate the tree as a legacy tree. If the nominated tree is on property owned by the Urbana Park District, the city arborist shall inform the Urbana Park District's director of the nomination and request consent from the said director to evaluate and potentially designate the tree as a legacy tree. If the city arborist identifies a tree on property for which the owner has received or applied for redevelopment or demolition financial or other assistance from the city, the city arborist shall notify the said property owner that one (1) or more trees on the said owner's property may qualify for designation as a legacy tree. Such property owners will be encouraged to include the preservation of legacy tree candidates in their development plans. Any consent to participate in the legacy tree program by a property owner shall be in writing and signed by the said property owner. If there is more than one (1) property owner on which the nominated tree is located, the written and signed consent of a majority of all property owners shall be required. In the event that a person purchases property on which one or more Trees have been accorded Legacy Tree status, such status shall continue unless the new Property Owner requests to de-list the one or more Trees as Legacy Trees as provided in Section 12 or Section 13 of this Ordinance. Participation in the program is voluntary.

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such that the text of said Section 25-65, after such amendment, shall read as follows:

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request the property owner's consent to evaluate and potentially designate the property owner's tree as a legacy tree. If the nominated tree is on property owned by the City of Urbana, the city arborist shall inform the director of public works of the nomination and request consent from the said director to evaluate and potentially designate the tree as a legacy tree. If the nominated tree is on property owned by the Urbana Park District, the city arborist shall inform the Urbana Park District's director of the nomination and request consent from the said director to evaluate and potentially designate the tree as a legacy tree. If the city arborist identifies a tree on property for which the owner has received or applied for redevelopment or demolition financial or other assistance from the city, the city arborist shall notify the said property owner that one (1) or more trees on the said owner's property may qualify for designation as a legacy tree. Such property owners will be encouraged to include the preservation of legacy tree candidates in their development plans. Any consent to participate in the legacy tree program by a property owner shall be in writing and signed by the said property owner. If there is more than one (1) property owner on which the nominated tree is located, the written and signed consent of a majority of all property owners shall be required. In the event that a person purchases property on which one or more Trees have been accorded Legacy Tree status, such status shall continue unless the new Property Owner requests to de-list the one or more Trees as Legacy Trees as provided in Section 12 or Section 13 of this Ordinance. Participation in the program is voluntary.

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In the event, after the provision of the aforesaid written notice, the property owner elects not to sign the consent form, the legacy tree nomination process shall cease and no further action regarding that tree shall be undertaken during the next twelve (12) consecutive months.

Section 2: Section 25-69 of the Urbana City Code shall be and hereby is amended such that it reads as follows with the text underlined and in red to be included:

Information about characteristics and location of designated legacy trees shall be made available to the public through identification markers near designated legacy trees, listing on the City of Urbana and Urbana Park District websites, and by printed brochures.

such that the text of said Section 25-69, after such amendment, shall read as follows:

Information about characteristics and location of designated legacy trees shall be made available to the public through identification markers near designated legacy trees, listing on the City of Urbana and Urbana Park District websites, and by printed brochures.

Section 3: Section 25-72 of the Urbana City Code shall be and hereby is amended such that the underlined language is inserted in the said section such that it reads as follows with the text underlined and in red to be inserted as indicated:

If a legacy tree other than on city or park district property needs to be removed due to poor health and decline beyond repair, the property owner may remove the tree following issuance of a legacy tree delisting permit by the city arborist. The legacy tree delisting permit shall be issued at no cost to the property owner within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the application for the legacy tree delisting permit. If tree damage, decline and/or poor health are not obvious, the application shall include a certified arborist's recommendation for removal. Once a legacy tree delisting permit is issued, the legacy tree shall be removed from the city's database and other public records, as applicable. If the legacy tree poses imminent and serious danger to the property owner(s) or other persons' and/or their property, the legacy tree may be removed prior to issuance of a legacy tree delisting permit. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt any person from the requirements of obtaining any additional permits as are required by law.

such that the text of said Section 25-72, after such amendment, shall read as follows:

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Section 4: Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby and shall be re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action accrued or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 6: The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council at which a quorum was present.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_



Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk.

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS** this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06-034R**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF URBANA AND THE URBANA PARK DISTRICT**

**(Inclusion of Urbana Park District  
Trees in City of Urbana Legacy Tree Program)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs not otherwise expressly reserved to the State of Illinois by legislation, including the power to regulate the manufacture, sale, and consumption of alcoholic liquor for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urbana Park District ("Park District") is an autonomous unit of local government organized and operating pursuant to the Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/1-1); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, 1970, provides authority for governments to contract or otherwise associate among themselves to obtain and share services and to exercise, combine or transfer any power of function in any manner not prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220 et. seq.) provides that any one or more public agencies may contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility to maintain and recognize public trees within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and the Park District rests with the Parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Park District find that the best interests of the public are served by maintaining a proactive urban forestry management program that prioritizes public safety and tree preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Park District acknowledge that the best approach to maintaining a community forest is to consider all trees within community boundaries as integral to a proactive management plan that emphasizes public safety and tree

preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has initiated and maintains a program ("Legacy Tree Program") which seeks to recognize, preserve and protect trees within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Park District acknowledge that Legacy Tree Program recognition along with public education and information dissemination on proper tree care, planting and selection provide valuable tools to guide oversight of community trees for the overall benefit of urban forest vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties seek to enter into an intergovernmental agreement in order to coordinate their efforts to actively pursue recognition of certain trees within the City under the City's Legacy Tree Program within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and the Park District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Mayor shall be and hereby is authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the City of Urbana an agreement in form and substance substantially similar to the exhibit appended to and incorporated into this Resolution.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor shall be and hereby is authorized to undertake such other actions as are necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF URBANA AND THE URBANA PARK DISTRICT FOR LEGACY TREE RECOGNITION**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into between the City of Urbana, Illinois, a municipal corporation (the "City") and the Urbana Park District, a district organized and existing under the Park District Code of the State of Illinois (the "Park District") and is effective on the date the last of the parties hereto signed this Agreement as indicated below. The City and the Park District are collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*, enable the parties to enter into agreements among themselves and provide authority for intergovernmental cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to maintain and recognize public trees within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and the Park District rests with the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Parties find that the best interests of the public are served by maintaining a proactive urban forestry management program that prioritizes public safety and tree preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that the best approach to maintaining a community forest is to consider all trees within community boundaries as integral to a proactive management plan that emphasizes public safety and tree preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation has designed the City as a "Tree City USA" community; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated and maintains a program ("Legacy Tree Program") which seeks to recognize, preserve and protect trees within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that Legacy Tree Program recognition along with public education and information dissemination on proper tree care, planting and selection provide valuable tools to guide oversight of community trees for the overall benefit of forest vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to coordinate their efforts to actively pursue recognition of certain trees within the City under the City's Legacy Tree Program within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and the Park District.

The Parties to this Agreement, for good, valuable and mutual consideration which each Party hereto has in hand received and for the mutual exchange of the terms, conditions and covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Cost and Maintenance. The Parties will be responsible for costs and maintenance associated with recognizing Legacy Trees as hereinafter provided:
  - (a) If the Park District elects to install a Legacy Tree recognition plaque, The Park District will be responsible for the cost of providing and installing the plaque for any trees located on Park District property on which Legacy Tree status is granted.
  - (c) The Park District shall be solely responsible for maintaining all Legacy Trees located on Park District-owned property.

2. Further Actions. Except as provided in this Agreement, the Parties to this agreement shall comply with the City's Legacy Tree Ordinance (UCC Sec. 25-61 et seq.). The City, and the Park District agree to take any further official action necessary to accomplish their respective obligations as set forth in this Agreement, including the passage of legally sufficient resolutions or ordinances, the appropriation or budgeting of money, and any and all other undertakings set forth in this Agreement.

3. Indemnity. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement and irrespective of any insurance carried by the Park District for the benefit of the City, the Park District agrees to protect and defend the City and any of its officers or employees from any and all claims, suits or actions of whatever nature, arising out of or in connection with the use or maintenance of Park District trees and further with regard any activity of the Park District in connection with this agreement other than claims or actions based solely upon allegations of negligence of the City. Additionally, the Park District agrees to indemnify the City, including reasonable attorney fees, for any sums the City becomes obligated to pay as damages arising out of such circumstances except to the extent such damages are due to the negligence of the City, its employees or officers.

4. Duration; Termination. This Agreement will be effective until terminated by either Party upon thirty (30) days written notice given by the terminating party.

5. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. Any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Agreement will not be binding on the Parties except to the extent incorporated in this Agreement. Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and must be signed by the Parties hereto.

6. Notices. Notice with respect to any matter contained herein shall be sent first class and mailed to:

CITY:

City Arborist  
Urbana Public Works  
706 South Glover Avenue  
Urbana, Illinois 61802

Park District:

Superintendent of Planning  
and Operations  
Urbana Park District  
1011 E. Kerr Avenue  
Urbana, Illinois 61802

7. Execution by Counterpart. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will for all purposes be deemed to be an original and will together constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement.

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS

Urbana Park District

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Walker, Board President

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

Approval as to form:

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City Attorney

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Approval as to form:

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Park District Attorney

City of Urbana, Illinois

**Minutes of the Urbana Tree Commission Meeting**  
**Public Works Engineering Conference Room**  
**706 S. Glover Ave.**  
**Urbana, IL 61802**

**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**  
**1:30 p.m.**

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**Members Present:** Barbara Anderson, Carol Augspurger, Stewart Berlocher, Jackson Bird, Jeff Dawson, Darrin Eastburn, Derek Liebert, Michael Stevenson

**Staff Present:** Michael Brunk, City of Urbana Arborist, Kate Brickman

**Additional Present:** Kara Dudek, Urbana Park District Planning Assistant

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Commission member introduced themselves.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from March 4, 2015 were presented for approval. The motion to approve was made by Augspurger, second by Eastburn, and carried by a voice vote.

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

**Former Business**

**a. Arboricultural Specifications Review**

Brunk presented the updated Arboricultural Specifications and Standards Manual for the Commission to approve. Of note was the addition of language regarding the consideration for planting of native trees where appropriate. The motion to approve was made by Eastburn, second by Stevenson, and carried by a voice vote. The Manual will now be presented to the public.



**b. 312 S. Coler Avenue Hackberry Update**

Commission members viewed various youtube videos produced by Urbana Public Television concerning the story of the Sim Hackberry and the ongoing process of milling and drying the wood for undetermined end uses.

**c. Leal Park Legacy Tree Nominations**

The Commission reviewed 2 legacy tree nominations for trees located within Leal Park; one a White Oak and the other a Bur Oak (see attached). Both trees were nominated in the categories of size, age, and location. Discussion ensued regarding the location as being part of the historic Big Grove, and a proposed agreement with the Park District for Legacy Tree designation. Stevenson moved to recommend approval, Bird seconded, and the motion carried.

**d. 2316 Cottage Grove Avenue European Ash Legacy Tree Nomination**

The Commission reviewed a legacy tree nomination for a City European Ash tree located at 2316 S. Cottage Grove Avenue (see attached). The tree was nominated in the rare tree category. Discussion ensued regarding treatment for Emerald Ash Borer prevention currently and in the future. Anderson moved to recommend approval, Stevenson seconded, and the motion carried.

**New Business**

**e. 705 S. Busey Avenue Tuliptree ‘Ardis’ variety Legacy Tree Nomination**

The Commission reviewed a legacy tree nomination for a City Tuliptree ‘Ardis’ variety tree located at 705 S. Busey Avenue (see attached). The tree was nominated in the rare tree category. Discussion ensued regarding the history of the tree.

**f. 711 W. Main Street Swamp White Oak Legacy Tree Nomination**

The Commission reviewed a legacy tree nomination for a City Swamp White Oak tree located at 711 W. Main Street (see attached). The tree was nominated in the rare tree category. Discussion

Eastburn moved to recommend approval of both nominations, Stevenson seconded, and the motion carried.

At this time, Dawson formally welcomed Jackson Bird to the Tree Commission.

Dawson presented an item for future discussion: the University of Illinois remnant of the old forestry plantation from 1870. This being the oldest experimental forest plantation in North America there are some several magnificent trees in the Urbana part of the campus that could be nominated for the legacy tree program. Brunk indicated that he would join Dawson in looking at the tress.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.