

# City of Ottawa Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1-26-23

Meeting brought to order: 7:00pm

**Present at Meeting:** Chair-Brent Barron, Mike Weygand, Christine Frangoulis, Judy Fenza, Vicki Stacy

Others in attendance: None

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** none

**Public Comment Offered:** none

**Old Business:** October minutes read, Christine Frangoulis moved to approve, seconded by Mike Weygand.

The Red Mulberry tree at Dayton Bluffs that David Manigold had submitted to the Big Tree Registry has been accepted and approved as the Illinois State Champion.

The City of Ottawa has received a grant from the Morton Arboretum for 25,000 which will include a match from the city of 35,000. Per Mayor Dan Aussem, the Tree Board will be involved and will follow up with Tammy Koppen.

**New business:** Arbor Day Celebration (April 28<sup>th</sup>) was discussed and may do a city wide school distribution of trees( 5 schools, K-5) with a single large tree planting at one of the schools as we usually do. We discussed asking for help bagging trees from the Ottawa Garden Club or Master Gardeners on Earth Day prior to the Arbor Day event due to the large number of trees needed to be distributed.

AIB participation is on hold for this year as it stands right now.

Canal Project – request by Judy Fenza for trees to be planted along the canal.

**Tree Permits/Appeals Received – to be reviewed:** None

**Meeting adjourned at** 8:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 30, 2023