### Campus Tree Advisory Committee

### September 4, 2015

Present:

Morgan Johnston Maggie Thomas

Mike Brunk Brent Lewis

Stephanie Lage Ryan Welch

Sonya Grindley (Minutes)

Absent: Gary Kling

Kevin McSweeney

1. **Arbor Day Observance Event (April 24, 2015)**

The event went well. The speeches were excellent. The plan is to plant another tree next year.

1. **Campus Tree Care Plan**

Staff will write a tree protection plan and the committee will review.

Discussion ensued and an issue was raised by Ryan regarding who has actual authority and accountability? Morgan stated that an inventory of trees is being created including price. In the contract, it should state that the trees must be maintained and protected. Mike reported that the City of Urbana uses Davey Tree Resources for their inventory. Other suggestions included giving contractors guidance regarding the trees and surrounding area around the trees; perhaps posting a tree care plan on site, stating to call and make a report if someone witnesses wrongdoing.

There was discussion regarding recognition of special trees and to perhaps partner with Urbana. Illini Grove is currently on their website. Ryan will get a list of special/important trees to Morgan for submittal to the website.

Suggestion was made to host a tree walk on October 19th as part of Sustainability. Stephanie will ask Gary Kling to lead the walk. Maggie suggested tagging trees for the tree walk. May not be able to get this accomplished this year, but could happen next year.

Goals/Targets: To remove all of the Ash trees by FY20. Expect to replace a certain number every calendar year. The goal should be based on what can actually be accomplished.

Next meeting will be October 16, 2015, 1:00 p.m. in Room 127.