

October 2022 Tree Campus Higher Ed Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Morgan White, Sinead Soltis, Andrew Lamoreux, Brent Lewis, Gabe Harper-Hagen, Jay Hayek, Meredith Moore, Ryan Welch Lucy Nifong, Kevin McSweeney, Maiah Caise

1. Introductions

- Welcome new members & hello from Chair
- Name, Organization, Title

2. Arbor Day '22, planning for '23

- Recap event, input from members that attended
 - Event went well, tree planting was a great addition
 - Attendance was very sparse
- Suggestions for next year's event
 - Create a planning committee
 - Hold an interactive campus tree walk
 - Distribute a guide on students on how to identify native trees on campus
 - Send to Facebook, F&S, iSEE, extension, earth month calendar, ect.
 - Virtual tour, walking around without headphones, ArcGIS story maps
 - Scavenger hunt
- Planning subcommittee
 - Find other key groups to plan and promote
 - Bring in red bison?
 - Get more information on Gary Klings' tree walk
- City of Champaign's Arbor Day celebration
 - No ceremony was officially held, instead they shared information virtually via the Arbor Day foundation
 - Filmed tree planting

3. F&S Standards that pertain to Trees- Update on this from BL

- Campus landscape master plan has been completed
- Tree Replacement Standard, in final review process
 1. Currently the standards only require tree for tree replacement, regardless of shape or size of tree removed
 2. When are trees replaced, versus tended to?
 1. Damaged, construction, older/dying
 3. Can't charge more for tree removal if not part of the contract

- 4. New standards have been updated by Brent Lewis, which now included up to four trees replaced
- 5. Up to 4
- Damage assessment, bark, root damage, soil compaction during critical root zone
- Long term plan is to see how well this works, add additional requirements as time goes on to better match other University/municipal standards
- Champaign- tree appraisal, get paid for the cost and goes back to the budget
 - 1. Sometimes they get pushback
 - 2. Finding out too late about the construction
 - 3. Andrew does the appraisals themselves
- Purdue lists out the cost of appraisal of the tree when listing the construction so it is included in the bid amounts

4. Tree Care Plan 2022- Required by the Arbor Day Foundation

- Student engagement projects
 - High school student sorting
 - Arboretum update from summer
 - Adding trees to the inventory

5. Round table

- Arboretum
 - 1. Parking lot, new parkway under construction
 - 2. Planning work in the SAW for the winter
- Jay/extension
 - 1. Onsite milling at the SAW
 - 2. In contact with sawyers portable saw mills
 - 3. Getting them to consider to invest resouvuers into milling logs out of the eillinois experimental forest
 - 4. Submit bids to see
- F&S
 - 1. Ryan and Brent adding to the inventory
 - 2. Campus landscape master plan has been completed
- F&S high school students
 - 1. Updating species list
 - 2. Need to polish it up before end of year
- Students
 - 1. Prairie planting