

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Meeting location: Roy R. Estle Memorial Library

Tree Board members present:  
Larry Davis, Vice Chair  
Greg Cagle, Secretary  
Bob German, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

Larry Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public communications and concerns: None. No members of the public present.

Motion by Davis, second by Cagle to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

The 2018 Arbor Day Proclamation was approved by the City Council at its February 13th meeting and signed by the mayor.

Andy Schmitz reported via email that our Trees for Kids application was approved, and that our order for 200 seedlings has been placed. We will receive 25 each of Sycamore, Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, Shagbark Hickory, Pecan, Hackberry, Arrowwood viburnum and Aronia/Glossy Black Chokeberry. We plan to give them away during our Arbor Day celebration on April 28th.

Greg will take care of submitting notices to advertise the tree giveaway and Arbor Day celebration to the Dallas Center newsletter and the school district's ebackpack electronic flyers.

Mary reported that the Parks Board has approved treating some of the nicer ash trees located in city parks, subject to some cost constraints. She is working on getting quotes, and will look into pricing for some of our best right-of-way ash trees as well.

We need to flag locations for our spring tree plantings. Larry is working on organizing an outing for that purpose.

The City of Dallas Center has been notified that we will be receiving the Tree City USA award. We have been invited to send up to three representatives to the 28th annual Community Forestry Award Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4th. Greg Cagle, Andy Schmitz and Bob German have volunteered to attend.

The board discussed a recently reported case of tree “topping” (drastic cutting back of large branches in mature trees). This practice is both harmful to trees and unsightly, and is prohibited by the Dallas Center Code of Ordinances for trees in the right-of-way. We will work on preparing an educational message for residents on why tree topping is discouraged.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:  
Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.