

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Meeting location: Roy R. Estle Memorial Library

Tree Board members present:  
Gary Park, Chair  
Greg Cagle, Secretary  
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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

Motion by Park, second by Cagle to approve the minutes of the April 11th meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

The Dallas Center Arbor Day celebration and tree give-away was held on Saturday, April 28th at the Brenton Arboretum. The event was attended by about 65 people, and we gave away approximately 150 seedlings.

Mary reported that the Parks Board removed two trees in Mound Park, one maple and one oak. There is also an ash tree they plan to remove in the near future. They will probably hold off on planting replacements until after they receive the final report from the Iowa State Community Design Lab.

The 15 trees ordered from Iowa Native Trees and Shrubs have been received. Andy expects to plant them on May 10th. The city has also received a proposal from Perennial Gardens to plant 5 crabapple trees on Hatton Ave, which we hope to have installed in the next few weeks. Perennial Gardens will also be replacing a previously installed tree that died with a new birch tree.

The board is recommending treatment of two ash trees and one elm tree as proposed by Walton Tree Service, with the work scheduled to occur in May or June.

Gary plans to communicate with Trees Forever to solicit strategies for increasing the chances of getting our next grant request approved.

Topic for future discussion: where would we like to install the Tree City USA sign?

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 – 6:00pm (tree inspection tour, no formal business)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

