

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00pm
Meeting location: Roy R. Estle Memorial Library

Tree Board members present:

Gary Park, Chair
Larry Davis, Vice Chair
Greg Cagle, Secretary
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member
Bob German, ex officio member
Brian Slaughter, ex officio member

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

Motion by Park, second by Davis to approve the minutes of the September 12th meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Trees for the fall tree planting were purchased from Iowa Native Trees and Shrubs and planted on October 4th. It was determined that a Catalpa would be a good choice for 1300 Sycamore, as it would have a relatively narrow profile and could be limbed up for auto traffic visibility as it grows larger. Trees and locations were as follows:

1300 Sycamore: Northern Catalpa	607 13th St.: Chinkapin Oak
1306 Cherry: Shingle Oak	1300 Cherry: Skyline Honeylocust
1406 Cherry: Chinkapin Oak	1402 Sycamore St.: White Oak
1406 Cherry: Skyline Honeylocust	1402 Sycamore St.: White Oak
201 14th St.: Northern Pin Oak	14th St by trail: Shingle Oak
605 13th St.: Northern Pin Oak	1305 Ash St.: Northern Catalpa

Gary reported that the Spring 2018 planting has not been closed out because Perennial Gardens has still not installed the new Pinnacle Birch at 1602 Sycamore that they had promised as a replacement for the columnar hackberry that died, and they have not been returning his calls or emails.

Greg reported that the board received a quote from JW Tree Service for \$12,500 for trimming and maintenance of right-of-way trees in the northwest quadrant of town. The consensus was to solicit additional bids from other contractors before proceeding with the work.

Gary will request permission from the city council to submit this year's Tree City USA application to the State Urban Forester.

The Parks Board has determined not to pursue a Trees Forever grant this year. The Tree Board discussed some possible projects and plans to revisit the issue next meeting.

Greg Cagle was designated as the Tree Board's representative to the new Healthy Hometown Steering Committee.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm
Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm
Wednesday, February 6th, 2018 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.