

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 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  
Brian Slaughter, ex officio member

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Public communications and concerns: No members of the public present.

Motion by Cagle, second by Park to approve the minutes of the January 9th meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

Brian Slaughter reported that the contracted maintenance work on the right-of-way trees in the northwest quadrant has not started yet due to the weather.

Andy reported that he has found a source for bare root serviceberry seedlings for the sesquicentennial tree promotion, and has placed a tentative order for 60. Advantages of the Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry are that it is a small tree with a mature height of around 20 feet, so a good size for most homeowner yards. It has multi-season interest with beautiful white flowers in the spring, edible fruit in summer and remarkable red/orange fall color. It is a great plant for wildlife, pollinators and birds, and is shade tolerant. It has few disease or insect issues and is very hardy in central Iowa. Greg will request permission from the city council to purchase the seedlings.

Greg gave a report on the January 16th Healthy Hometown Steering Committee meeting. The committee is very interested in the proposal to plant street trees in the 1400 block of Walnut St., and has requested an action plan for the project. Greg will draft a tentative action plan, though the board is still researching best practices and working on cost estimates.

The board reviewed additional hardscape street tree planting references from Des Moines and other cities and discussed a preliminary sketch plan for adding 6 trees in the 1400 block of Walnut. Gary presented a list of potential issues and possible solutions relative to the downtown tree project. Greg will give the city council an update at their next meeting.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.