

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 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  
Brian Slaughter, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

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

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

Motion by Davis, second by Park to approve the minutes of the March 13th meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

The board continued its discussion of a potential project to plant trees in the 1400 block of Walnut Street. Construction Materials Testing took two soil bores on March 27th and sent a report of their findings. Brian will forward the report to Bob Veenstra at Veenstra & Kimm for comment on soil suitability. The possibility of adding shrub gardens with benches along the lines suggested in the October 2018 Iowa Economic Development Authority report was discussed. Greg will work on updating the concept sketch.

Brian Slaughter gave an update on the progress of the contracted maintenance work on right-of-way trees in the northwest quadrant of town. The quote received from Adel Tree Co. in October included removal of three trees in poor condition. Unfortunately the maple at 1709 Walnut was removed without prior notice to the homeowner. The board plans to install a new tree at that location as soon as possible.

Greg gave a report on the March 27th Healthy Hometown Steering Committee meeting. There will be a Walking Audit Workshop on June 19th to identify areas where improvements can be made to make it easier to get around town on foot. Greg plans to represent the tree board.

Plans for the sesquicentennial tree giveaway and Arbor Day celebration on April 27th were discussed. Greg, Andy, Bob and Mary plan to be on hand to run the event.

Gary reported that the city has received a grant of \$1,080.00 from Trees Forever for the planting project at the southeast corner of 13th St. and Sycamore St. The current plan is to plant this spring.

Andy attended the Urban Forestry Award Luncheon on April 3rd on behalf of the board, and returned with a large Tree City USA flag.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.