

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Meeting location: Roy R. Estle Memorial Library

Tree Board members present:

Gary Park, Chair (via telephone)  
Larry Davis, Vice Chair  
Greg Cagle, Secretary  
Bob German, ex officio member  
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member  
Brian Slaughter, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

Guests:

Bob Veenstra, Veenstra & Kimm Inc.

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

Public communications and concerns: None.

Motion by Davis, second by Park to approve the minutes of the May 8th meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Larry Davis will be leaving the tree board at the end of June, and we thank him for his service. The board is currently seeking a replacement.

The idea of having a tree board booth at the fall festival was considered. It was decided not to pursue it this year.

The board continued its discussion of the potential project to plant trees in the 1400 block of Walnut Street. Based on feedback from the city council, we are investigating design concepts that would not reduce the number of parking spaces available. Bob Veenstra indicated that Walnut Street is wider than necessary in the 1400 block, so one possibility would be to make the street narrower and the sidewalks wider in order to create large planting areas in the sidewalk without unduly affecting pedestrian capacity. Making the street narrower would also slow vehicle traffic, which would be beneficial. Greg will put together a concept sketch based on making the sidewalks 6 feet wider on both sides of the street.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 6:00pm (tree survey)  
Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.