

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Meeting location: Roy R. Estle Memorial Library

Tree Board members present:

Gary Park, Chair (via telephone)  
Hannah Slaughter, 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

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Public communications and concerns: None.

Hannah Slaughter was introduced as the Tree Board's newest member. Her appointment to the Tree Board by the mayor was approved by the city council on July 9th. Her term expires June 30, 2022.

Motion by Gary Park, second by Greg Cagle to approve the minutes of the June 12th meeting.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Motion by Gary Park, second by Greg Cagle to approve the following slate of officers, effective immediately:

Gary Park, Chair  
Hannah Slaughter, Vice Chair  
Greg Cagle, Secretary

Motion passed 3-0.

The board continued its discussion of the potential project to plant trees in the 1400 block of Walnut Street, and reviewed the latest concept sketch. It was agreed to proceed with sending the sketch to Bob Veenstra for review and comment. Brian Slaughter will coordinate with Bob Veenstra. Selection criteria for the trees to be planted include diversity, minimal or no fruit or seeds, lack of shallow invasive roots, salt tolerance, no serious insect or disease issues, and canopy leaf density. Any given species is unlikely to score well on all criteria, so some compromises will be necessary. Though tree species selections are still in progress, the board agreed that it was not necessary to have them finalized before sending the sketch to Bob Veenstra.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 6:00pm (tree survey)  
Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.