

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 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
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

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

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

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

The city received proposals from four landscape architecture firms in response to our RFP for designing the Walnut Street green corridor: Bolton & Menk, Confluence, ISG, and Jeffrey L. Bruce & Company. Both Confluence and JBC proposed to partner with Pelds Design Services. While the proposals warrant a more in-depth review, the board did reach a consensus that all of the responding firms have significant experience in this area and appear to be qualified to complete the work successfully. A discussion of the proposals is on the agenda for the City Council's March 10th meeting. Greg will attend to represent the Tree Board.

Brian Slaughter sent word that the contractor plans to begin work on the tree trimming and maintenance project in the northeast quadrant of the city later this week. We have a note in this month's city newsletter.

To further our intention to accelerate ash tree removals, Andy plans to identify a number of ash tree removal candidates for this spring. Subject to contractor availability, we could potentially remove approximately 10 trees before the end of this fiscal year.

We will look into reserving the Mound Park gazebo for the April 25th tree giveaway. All the trees have been ordered. Greg will submit a notice for the April city newsletter.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm
Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm
Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.