

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00pm

The Dallas Center Tree Board met via electronic meeting on April 15, 2020 at 7:00pm due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynold's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which among other matters, ordered the prohibition of community gatherings of ten or more people at all locations. The Governor's supplemental Proclamation of April 2, 2020, extended the restrictions to April 30, 2020. Therefore, in-person meetings of the Tree Board are impossible or impractical as contemplated by Iowa Code Section 21.4(1)(b).

Tree Board members attending the electronic meeting:

Gary Park, Chair  
Hannah Slaughter, Vice Chair  
Greg Cagle, Secretary  
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member  
Bob German, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

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

Public communications and concerns: Julie Becker and Bob Haxton were in attendance. No comments or questions.

Motion by Hannah Slaughter, second by Gary Park to approve the minutes of the March 4th meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Gary reported that the city council still plans to set up a joint meeting to discuss the proposals received for planning the Walnut Street green corridor, it has just been delayed due to COVID-19. City Hall will let us know once a time has been set.

Brian Slaughter sent word that the tree trimming and maintenance project in the northeast quadrant of the city is complete.

Andy Schmitz has assembled a list of ash trees that we can target for removal this fiscal year. Gary will look into scheduling with Brian. Andy will help with tree identification as needed.

The Parks Board is moving ahead with preparing a Trees Forever grant application for a project in the Burnett Recreational Complex. Bob German will help Mary with selecting planting sites and identifying ash trees to be removed.

Our annual Arbor Day tree giveaway is still planned for April 25th from 9am to 12 noon in Mound Park. The Arbor Day proclamation has been approved. The seedlings have been shipped from the suppliers. The event format has been changed to drive-through to meet COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. Greg will request some traffic cones from Brian to set up the lanes. Andy will prepare a paper handout with the list of trees and planting instructions. Andy will bring the trees, mulch, handouts, plastic bags, and hand sanitizer.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.