

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm

The Dallas Center Tree Board met via electronic meeting on May 13, 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 27, 2020, extended the restrictions to May 15, 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  
Bob German, ex officio member  
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

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

Public communications and concerns: No comments or questions.

Motion by Hannah Slaughter, second by Greg Cagle to approve the minutes of the April 15th meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Gary and Greg attended a joint (electronic) meeting with the city council on May 5th to review proposals received to develop a master plan for a green corridor on Walnut Street. The council plans to schedule two additional meetings to hear presentations from ISG and JBC.

The board had hoped to remove a number of Ash trees yet this fiscal year, but Brian Slaughter has reported that our usual contractors are booked all the way through the summer, and the earliest dates we have been able to get are in October. There is an additional contractor being investigated who typically does not schedule work more than 3 weeks out, so that could possibly allow for some removals in June. If not successful, Gary may ask the council to move some money to next year's budget.

Grant writing strategy was discussed for the Trees Forever grant application for the Park Board's project in the Burnett Recreational Complex to replace trees that were removed for the Southwest Stormwater Drainage Improvement project.

The Arbor Day tree giveaway on April 25th was very successful. Everyone cooperated with the social distancing measures, and we gave away 250 trees to approximately 60 residents. We may revise the hours to 9am to 11am next year, since most of the activity has been in the first two hours. Special thanks to Andy for doing most of the preparation for this event.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, 6:00pm (tree inspection tour)

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.