

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7:00pm

The Dallas Center Tree Board met in electronic meeting via conference call on July 8, 2020 at 7:00pm due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' June 25, 2020, updated Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which among other matters, encouraged all vulnerable Iowans to limit their activities outside of their home including their participation in gatherings of any size and any purpose. The Governor's Proclamation allows a community gathering (such as a public meeting) of more than ten persons so long as the venue capacity is limited and social distancing of at least six feet is maintained. The Governor further suspended state laws requiring a public meeting or hearing to the extent the laws could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from limiting the number of people present for an in-person location of the meeting, providing the governmental body provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically.

Tree Board members attending the electronic meeting:

Gary Park, 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 7:03pm.

Public communications and concerns: A representative of Raccoon Valley Bank recently expressed an interest to Brian Slaughter in attending a Tree Board meeting to discuss replacing trees that were removed for the sewer project.

Motion by Gary Park, second by Greg Cagle to approve the minutes of the June 10th meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

At the City Council June 18th meeting, the council selected ISG, Inc. to develop a master plan for the proposed Walnut Street green corridor project.

Several trees were removed in June by contractor Dallas County Orchard LLC. Locations included 1106 Walnut St., 1701 Ash St., 400 Percival Ave., 104 Percival Ave., 606 15th St., 607 15th St., 607 9th St. and 905 Ash St.

The board reviewed the current draft of a Trees Forever grant request for a Parks Board project to plant 16 trees in the Burnett Complex.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 – 6:00pm (tree inspection tour)
Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 – 7:00pm, location to be determined
Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 – 7:00pm, location to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.