

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00pm

The Dallas Center Tree Board met in electronic meeting via conference call on September 9, 2020 at 7:00pm due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' August 21, 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: None.

Motion by Gary Park, second by Greg Cagle to approve the minutes of the August 12th meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

Gary reported that the city held its first meeting with ISG last week for the Walnut Street Streetscape Project. They plan to survey community members next.

There is a possibility the city might receive some funding from FEMA for replanting trees after the August 10th derecho storm. Gary will coordinate with Brian Slaughter if needed.

Gary reported that the Trees Forever grant request for a Parks Board project to plant trees in the Burnett Complex has been approved. Andy will check with Iowa Native Trees and Shrubs to confirm tree availability. He hopes to plant in early October.

Replacement trees at Raccoon Valley Bank were discussed. Gary will check with Brian Slaughter to find out if the bank is willing to consider deciduous trees. If they want to stick with conifers, Norway Spruce could be a good choice.

Andy is investigating possible tree varieties to feature for next April's tree giveaway. One possibility is the Seven-Son Flower Tree (*Heptacodium miconioides*).

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 – 7:00pm, location to be determined
Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 – 7:00pm, location to be determined
Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 – 7:00pm, location to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.