

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Dallas Center Tree Board met in electronic meeting via conference call on January 13, 2021 at 7:00pm due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' January 7, 2021, 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 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 present for the electronic meeting:

Gary Park, Chair
Greg Cagle, Secretary
Bob German, ex officio member
Mary Werch, liaison from Parks and Recreation

Absent:

Hannah Slaughter, Vice Chair
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member
Brian Slaughter, ex officio member

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Motion by Greg Cagle, second by Gary Park to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Roll call all ayes, motion passed.

There has been no new information from ISG since our last meeting with regard to the development of the Walnut Street corridor plan.

The Tree City USA report for 2020 has been submitted.

The city received a quote from Dallas County Orchard LLC for removing 19 trees. The work has not been scheduled yet.

Arbor Day is on April 30th this year, and we intend to schedule our local celebration for May 1st. Gary will work with Andy to order seedlings to give away.

The idea of hosting an information booth at the Fall Festival was discussed.

Bob German suggested that we look into protecting small trees near the bike trail. Recent snow machine activity may have damaged some.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 – 7:00pm, location to be determined
Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 – 7:00pm, location to be determined
Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 – 7:00pm, location to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.