

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Dallas Center Tree Board met in electronic meeting via conference call on March 10, 2021 at 7:00pm due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' March 5, 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  
Hannah Slaughter, Vice Chair  
Greg Cagle, Secretary  
Bob German, ex officio member  
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, liaison from Parks and Recreation

Absent:

Brian Slaughter, ex officio member

Guests:

Matt Ostanik, Planning & Zoning Commission Chair  
Bob King, Parks & Recreation Board

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

Motion by Hannah Slaughter, second by Gary Park to approve the minutes of the February 10th meeting. Roll call all ayes, motion passed.

Public communications and concerns: None.

Matt Ostanik of the Planning & Zoning Commission attended the meeting to follow up on the discussion we had during February's meeting regarding the working draft of a proposed ordinance with requirements for new subdivisions. The board provided feedback on several issues, and expressed a preference for locating street trees between the sidewalk and street if at all possible.

Dallas County Orchard LLC is expected to begin tree removal work this Friday, March 12th.

Plans for the Arbor Day celebration and tree giveaway on May 1st are moving forward. Time will be 9:00am to 11:00am. Greg will submit a notice for the April city newsletter.

There will be a joint meeting of the city council, tree board, and parks and recreation board to discuss the draft master plan for the Walnut Street green corridor project. Date to be determined.

Bob King is working on a new format for the Tree Board's list of recommended trees so that it can be incorporated into the city's website.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 – 7:00pm, at Legion Hall (if permitted)  
Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 – 7:00pm, location to be determined  
Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 – 7:00pm, location to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.