

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00pm
Meeting location: Legion Hall

Tree Board members present:

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

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Public communications and concerns: Bob Haxton referred to last month's discussion regarding ideas for a proposed ordinance being considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission that may address street tree requirements in new subdivisions. One possibility discussed was having the city plant street trees and charge the developer as opposed to having the developer plant them. Bob stated that homeowners should not be required to pay for street trees.

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

Gary will ask Brian Slaughter for an update on the contracted tree removal work.

The City Council has approved ISG's master plan for the downtown streetscape and green corridor. They also approved a contract to retain ISG to develop a detailed plan for the Phase 1 / downtown portion of the master plan. The tree board hopes to work closely with ISG regarding tree selections and planting strategies.

Plans were discussed for the city's Arbor Day celebration and tree giveaway on May 1st from 9am to 11am, including supplies, advertising, planting instructions and traffic cones. The drive-through format worked well last year, and we are using it again this year.

The board discussed an email received from library director Shelly Cory requesting removal of six crabapple trees on the west side of the library building along 13th Street because they drop a lot of berries. The board is amenable to removing the trees when funds are available, and will develop some options for potential replacements.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 – Legion Hall, 7:00pm
Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 – Legion Hall, 7:00pm
Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 – Legion Hall, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.