

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00pm
Meeting location: Legion Hall

Tree Board members present:

Gary Park, Chair
Greg Cagle, Secretary
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

Absent:

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

Guest:

Bob King, Parks and Recreation Board

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

Public communications and concerns: Julie Becker and Bob Haxton expressed concern that any trees planted in the 1400 block of Walnut Street may be destined to fail.

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

Bob King reported that the project to create a web version of the recommended trees list for the city web site is continuing.

Due to budget constraints and the August 2020 derecho, we were not able remove all of the trees on this fiscal year's tree removal list, and will be carrying forward a dozen or so into next year. We expect the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be another heavy year for tree removals due to increasing damage from the Emerald Ash Borer, so it is anticipated that we will likely need to prioritize only the most structurally compromised trees. After the annual tree inspection in August, we will review the situation and may request a special appropriation from the city council if we have safety concerns.

Gary reported that Nathan Gruver of ISG has mentioned the possibility of attending a future meeting to discuss plans for the Phase 1 / downtown portion of the Walnut Street green corridor.

Gary is working on drafting a proposal for our Trees Forever grant request.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 – Legion Hall, 7:00pm
Wednesday, August 11th, 2021 – tree inspection tour, 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 – Legion Hall, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.