

Dallas Center Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 7:00pm
Meeting location: Brenton Arboretum

Tree Board members present:

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

Absent:

Hannah Slaughter, Vice Chair
Brian Slaughter, ex officio member

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

Public communications and concerns: Bob Haxton expressed a concern relative to the Walnut Street green corridor project that trees might not grow successfully in the downtown business district.

Motion by Gary Park, second by Greg Cagle to approve the minutes of the October 13th meeting. Motion passed, 2-0.

Tree removals: no report available on Xtreme Tree's progress on the current tree removal contract. Bids have not yet been solicited for tree removals in the spring.

The Trees Forever grant report has been submitted and the check has been received.

Gary reported that the Tree City USA application was approved by the city council and is awaiting the mayor's signature.

Regarding the three columnar oaks on Vine Street that were improperly pruned, Bob stated that while they could possibly survive, they will never look good. The board agreed that the best course would be to remove them. Andy will coordinate with Brian Slaughter regarding the removals. Two of the original five columnar oaks were not damaged and will remain.

Gary Park announced that he is resigning from the Tree Board. He has served on the board since it was formed in 2014, including 5 years as Chair. The board expressed its appreciation for Gary's leadership and service to our community.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, January 13th, 2022 – Memorial Hall, 7:00pm
Thursday, February 10th, 2022 – Memorial Hall, 7:00pm
Thursday, March 10th, 2022 – Memorial Hall, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.