

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00PM

Meeting location: The Brenton Arboretum

Pat Freeland	Chair: Present
Greg Cagle	Vice Chair: Present
Hannah Slaughter	Secretary: Present
Bob German	ex officio member: Absent
Andy Schmitz	ex officio member: Present
Brian Slaughter	ex officio member: Absent
Mary Werch	liaison from parks and rec: Present

Meeting called to order at 7:03

Julie Becker voiced support of the tree board and the things we are working on. Voiced support of city council allotting more money

Hannah Slaughter motioned to approve February minutes. Greg Cagle seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian solicited bids from 3 companies for tree removal this year, only two responded- Dallas County Orchard and Xtreme Tree. Dallas County Orchard came in at \$18,700 (excluding 2 trees due to needing larger equipment) and Xtreme Tree at \$23, 414.28. Xtreme tree did not give an itemized bid as requested. Remainder of fiscal year budget is \$13,403, eliminated 3 trees to get under budget. Will recommend approval of Dallas County Orchard bid (minus 3 trees).

Arbor Day celebration will be April 30th 9-11 in a drive through fashion at Mound Park. Hannah Slaughter will contact Public Works to arrange cones to route traffic. Andy will prepare handouts on the trees being given away. Announcement for newsletter approved by council, Greg Cagle will forward to city hall to be put in the April Newsletter.

Pat Freeland will contact city hall to discuss closure of road by library to have crabapple trees removed. Pat will coordinate with the Boy Scouts to help with the labor of this.

Board has decided to not apply for DNR Forestry Grant. Due to program requirements and amount that would be awarded, it would not be worth the board's time to continue further with this application.

Mary states she is unsure if Dallas Center will be getting the MidAmerican Trees Please Grant. Planned on planting shade trees at Memorial Park around the basketball courts where other trees were taken out. Grant wanted the trees moved closer to houses or buildings to provide shade for the buildings. Mary states this is not possible. Mary will be following up on this to get a final answer.

Andy will contact Walton's to get on the schedule for treatment this summer for 5 trees in front of the Methodist Church and in Mound Park.

Discussed either a tree planting demonstration or a pruning demonstration during Fall Festival. Andy agrees to facilitate. Will discuss further at a later meeting to finalize details.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM

Next Meeting Dates:

April 14th, 2022- Memorial Hall

May 12, 2022- Memorial Hall

June, 9th, 2022 Memorial Hall