

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00PM

Meeting location: Memorial Hall

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Julie Becker asked to verify that board is being expanded to 5 members, asked if there has been interest from anyone to join. States she would consider being part of the board. Homeowners at 803 Percival called City Hall wanting to thank Xtreme Tree for their work removing ROW ash tree on their property. States Xtreme Tree was very efficient, and homeowner is not sure how they would have gotten it done themselves had they had to.

Greg Cagle points out a typo on the minutes from March 16th meeting. Meeting was called to order at 6:36PM, not 3:36PM. Hannah Slaughter moves to approve minutes as corrected (3-16 meeting called to order at 6:36PM). Greg Cagle seconded: passed 2-0.

1406 Cherry- 2 trees were to be removed but an owl nest was found, so removal was stopped on one tree. Will look at completing removal around May or June after owls have left the nest. Xtreme tree has not billed for the removal of this tree-will bill once it was completed. All other trees on the list have been removed. Greg Cagle pointed out that taking one tree off the removal list should have left \$100-200 in our budget for the year. Brian will verify this and get back to the board. The board will look at planting a tree with this money.

Seidl and Walton have failed to return bids, so Brian is looking to find other options for future bids. The board will do an annual inspection of all ROW trees and use that information to prepare a list of trees for removal in the fall. Brian states Xtreme Tree is now booking out 4-6 weeks instead of the 4-6 months they previously were, so this should be enough time to have work completed in the fall. Brian brought up our past trimming schedule and if we will be going back to it. Due to number of trees needing removed this year, we have foregone the trimming. We will look at going back to trimming schedule dependent on number of trees needing removed in August inspection.

Andy will not be able to attend Arbor Day celebration and tree give-away. Trees will be distributed from 9-11AM in a drive-through fashion as done in previous years. 3 trees per person will be allowed until

10:30AM. Unlimited quantity will be opened after that. Brian will facilitate traffic cones for directing traffic. Andy will print up brief information sheets on the varieties of trees available.

Pat Freeland is coordinating with the Boy Scouts to facilitate removal of crabapple trees at the library. The board will look at adding stump removal into next fiscal year's budget. Will check in with Pat at the May meeting for an update.

Dallas County is offering a voucher for a free tree for the first 15 people for removing Bradford pear or Callery pear trees due to being invasive.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.

Next Meeting Dates:

May 12th, 2022- Memorial Hall

June, 9th, 2022 Memorial Hall

July, 14th, 2022 Memorial Hall