

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00PM

Meeting location: Memorial Hall

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Jennifer Pandich introduced as a new member of the Tree Board. Her appointment was approved by the Mayor on May 26th, her term will expire June 30th, 2024. Mark Rees introduced as second new member. His appointment was approved by the Mayor on May 26th. His term will expire June 30th, 2023.

Greg Cagle motions, seconded by Hannah Slaughter, to approve the following slate of officers, effective immediately:

Greg Cagle: Chair

Jennifer Pandich: Vice Chair

Hannah Slaughter: Secretary

Motion passed 4-0

Julie Becker voices concerns about a tree near her house (believed to be at 1601 Walnut). State it has lost some large branches recently and is wondering if the Tree Board can have someone evaluate it.

Bob Haxton states he previously took out a couple trees at his house and used chemicals to break down the stump instead of having it ground. Asked if it would be a cheaper option for the city to use going forward when removing trees, instead of paying to have them ground.

The board will consider having stump grinding broken out in future bids to evaluate cost.

Hannah Slaughter moves to approve minutes of April 14 and May 12th meetings, seconded by Greg Cagle.

Motion passes 4-0.

Arbor Day celebration was held on April 30th with a tree give-away done in a drive-through fashion which worked well and will be considered for next year's celebration again. We had roughly 20 trees leftover this year. One of the important goals of this event each year is diversifying the trees that are planted in town.

Andy Schmitz has noted a tree at 201 14th to be in poor condition and potentially hazardous. Andy recommends moving this to the top of the Board's removal list.

Homeowner at 1507 Walnut contacted City Hall regarding an Ash tree in their ROW. Homeowner had contacted a tree service to have the tree trimmed. The tree service informed her the tree has Emerald Ash Borer and should be removed. Homeowner is requesting the City have the tree removed. Tree Board will add this to the removal list.

Homeowner at 1705 Linden is requesting the City put in a tree in their parking/ROW. Homeowner was advised that there was not money left in the budget for this fiscal year to have this done, but the Tree Board would put her on the list for a tree potentially next fiscal year.

The Tree Board will use the 5 trees from our Spring removal list that were not removed for next round of removals. Board discussed that we typically use our August meeting to evaluate the ROW trees in town and put together a list for removal. Greg Cagle questions possibly moving this to our July meeting to allow more time to get bids back. Board agrees to keep this evaluation scheduled for the August meeting as we have not had issues getting bids back and work scheduled in a timely manner. Board will finalize removal list at September meeting and have the City send out for bids after September meeting.

The first trees for the Walnut Streetscape are currently laying out on Walnut Street awaiting planting.

Pat Freeland had previously agreed to coordinate with Boy Scouts for removal of crabapple trees at the library. Pat has since resigned from the Tree Board and we have not received an update from him. The Board will potentially add these trees to the bid list for next fiscal year.

Park & Rec board is requesting City Council approval on a bid to remove 11 trees and 2 stumps and treatment of 3 Ash Trees in Mound Park for fiscal year 22-23. Parks and Rec will use grant money (Trees Please grant) to replace some of the trees removed, if granted.

Jennifer Pandich states she has experience writing grant proposals and states she is willing to help write proposal for Trees Forever grant for the Tree Board.

Meeting adjourned 8:24PM

Next Meeting Dates:

July, 14th, 2022 7:00PM Memorial Hall

August 11th, 2022 6:00PM

September 8th, 2022 7:00PM Memorial Hall