

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 14, 2022 at 7:00PM

Meeting location: Memorial Hall

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Ron Steilen is welcomed as new Tree Board member

Julie Becker asked if anyone had checked out the tree she mentioned at the last meeting. Greg Cagle advised that we have not had a chance to look at it, but we do have our annual inspection next month and we do have it on the list to look at. Also asked about the trees put in on Walnut. States she heard at the last City Council meeting they mentioned 4 had not survived. Advised that we have already removed these trees and will look at replacing them this fall.

Greg Cagle points out June minutes need corrected- tree Andy Schmitz had noticed as possibly hazardous is 301 14th St, not 201 14th St.

Hannah Slaughter moves to approve June minutes as corrected.

Greg Cagle seconds

Motion passed 5-0

Brian Slaughter advises our budget stands at \$27,004 left for the fiscal year. 303 Hatton concerned about a ROW tree and needing possible trimming. Brian advised the homeowner of the Tree Board and that we have an annual inspection in August. Tree Board will add this to our list to inspect in August.

City Hall received a call from someone at the middle school stating there is a dead tree needing removed- 15th St between Linden and Vine.

Bob German asked Brian how watering of the streetscape is being handled. Brian states they are on a watering schedule which has been followed to date.

Discussed logistics of August inspection as Tree Board can no longer fit in one vehicle. Hannah Slaughter suggests a truck and trailer. Agreed this may be the best option.

Greg Cagle introduced an idea for the Trees Forever Grant- library has crabapple trees they have requested be removed. Greg has suggested possibly using Trees Forever grant (if awarded) to plant some trees either on 13th St to replace the crabapples or to plant between the bike trail and the library. Bob German recommends having Brian get a One Call locate done so we know if there are any utilities running in this area that would be an issue. Board will make a decision at a later meeting and begin application for this grant.

Greg Cagle reviewed our list of areas we have previously identified as areas for planting of new trees. We have around 100 spots on this list. Request from 2 homeowners for plantings, Tree Board will put these at the top of the list and will try to plant around 12 trees this fall. Number of plantings will depend on price and availability. Greg Cagle will talk to Andy Schmitz and see if he has any recommendations on trees to plant this fall.

Ornamental trees that were planted between the elementary and middle school are not looking very well, but believes it is just from Japanese Beetles. Will be planting trees Osage Orange trees (thornless/fruitless) between parking lot and high school baseball field and 3 along the bike trail by the exercise equipment- donated by Brenton Arboretum. 11 trees and 2 stumps being removed from Burnett Complex and Mound park August 1st and 2nd.

Hannah Slaughter will be "meeting location coordinator" and be in charge of reserving space for meeting and opening the location for the meeting.

Greg Cagle would like to name a "Tree Removal Czar"- responsibilities would be keeping track of trees to be removed and trees that have been removed. Jennifer Pandich will take this responsibility.

Mark Rees voices concern that Tree Board was not what he expected and he will be resigning after this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM

Next Meeting Dates:

August 11th, 2022 6:00PM – Annual tree inspection

September 8th, 2022 7:00PM- Memorial Hall