

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Meeting location: Memorial Hall

Greg Cagle	Vice Chair: Present
Hannah Slaughter	Secretary: Present
Jennifer Pandich	Absent
Ron Steilen	Present
Bob German	ex officio member: Present
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 7:05PM

Julie Becker wants to thank the City for their quick removal of the branch by her house. It was done before Fall Festival which she was concerned about.

Hannah Slaughter motions to approve minutes for July and August meetings

Ron Steilen seconds

Motion passes 3-0

Dallas Center has been awarded \$10,000 from the Community Forestry Grant. The Board thanks Bob King for all his help with the grant writing for this. City will sign the agreement with DNR, advertise/help coordinate volunteers for planting on October 1st. Volunteers will meet at Mound Park at 8:00AM. 82 trees will be planted. Andy Schmitz will be coordinating volunteers the day of planting. Greg Cagle, Bob King and Ron Steilen will work on marking 100 locations with flags this weekend, and Andy and Bob German will verify placement and assign trees next week. Bob King will have a One Call done beforehand. Trees will be delivered September 28th to in front of City Hall.

Brian Slaughter has verified ROW trees from our August list labeled as most needing removed. He will get the list of 12 trees out for bids this week. We will also have removal of Crab Apple trees at the library to the list along with a few trees that are next on the most needed list.

Tree Board plans to apply for the Trees Forever Grant as the Park Board is not applying. Board has discussed using this grant to plant trees between the library and bike trail. Jennifer Pandich will work on writing the proposal. Greg Cagle would like to have One Call done with the ones for Community Forestry Grant to verify utilities are not an issue for this location.

Tree City USA application needs to be completed soon. Greg Cagle will look into this further and speak to Bob King about helping with that application.

Tree in Mound Park by the tennis court was hit by lightning. A large branch was lost and has since been removed. Will be having the tree removed after getting approval from City Council due to budgetary issues. Tree is now a safety issue and needs to be removed ASAP. Tree Board hopes to replace this tree with future grant money.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM

Next Meeting Dates:

October 12th, 2022 7:00PM- Memorial Hall

November 9th, 2022 7:00PM- Memorial Hall

December- No meeting

January 11th, 2023 7:00PM- Memorial Hall