

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Meeting location: Memorial Hall

Greg Cagle	Vice Chair: Present
Hannah Slaughter	Secretary: Present
Jennifer Pandich	Present
Ron Steilen	Absent
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 7:00PM

No public comments

Hannah Slaughter motions to approve minutes from September meeting

Jennifer Pandich seconds

Motion passes 3-0

84 trees were planted on October 1, 2022 by volunteers. Trees were purchased using funds from the Community Forestry Grant from the DNR.

Brian Slaughter states City Hall is changing the way grants are handled. Future grants must be submitted to City Hall to evaluate the man hours needed from the City to handle the upkeep of the work being done.

Bids were requested from 3 companies for tree removal this fall, Trinity Tree, Xtreme Tree, and Dallas County Orchard. Trinity declined to submit a bid due to being a small company and not being able to handle this large of a list. Dallas Co Orchard came back with \$17,400, excluding a tree at 806 Kellogg due to not being able to set up equipment. Xtreme Tree came back with \$21,610 for all trees requested.

Greg Cagle motions to approve Xtreme Tree's bid

Jennifer Pandich seconds

Motion passes 3-0

Greg Cagle states there will be another Community Forestry Grant available in the Spring 2023. Utilities were marked for possible tree plantings between the library and the bike trail. Greg would like to look

into using this spot for the possible Grant application. Greg does have some concerns about soil quality in this location due to the railroad formerly being there. Brian Slaughter states the City does have black soil that could potentially be used for this project if needed. Bob German suggests possibly planting a Chinkapin Oak due to them tolerating poorer soil quality. Bob also mentions there are a few locations that were not used this time due to soil conditions that could be used for a future Grant if the appropriate type of tree is chosen. Will be discussed further at future meetings.

Jennifer Pandich will work on completing the Tree City USA application and bring it to the November meeting

Park Board will be applying for the Trees Please Grant. Park Board will be looking at spading in some larger trees with these funds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Next Meeting Dates:

November 9th, 2022 7:00PM- Library

December- No meeting

January 11th, 2023 7:00PM- Library

February 8th, 2023 7:00PM- Library