

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Meeting location: Roy R Estle Memorial Library

Greg Cagle	Chair: Present
Jennifer Pandich	Vice Chair: Present
Hannah Slaughter	Secretary: Present
Ron Steilen	Board member: 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 7:01PM

Shelly Flockhart would just like to comment that she feels the Tree Board is doing a great job.

Greg mentions that in past minutes he is listed as vice chair (instead of chair) and Jennifer Pandich is not listed as vice chair.

Jennifer Pandich motions to approve January 11 minutes as corrected

Ron Steilen seconds

Motion passes: 4-0

Still no applicants for the Tree Board vacancy

All Fall tree removal has been completed as contracted.

Jennifer will check with Bob King on the status of the Community Forestry grant. Greg will get a list from Bob of places to plant future trees that were not used on with the last grant.

Beacon Oaks have been ordered for planting between the library and the bike trail. Andy Schmitz brought a list of other columnar trees for consideration for planting to the west of the library. Andy suggests selecting a variety of trees to plant along this area instead of only one or two different kinds. Andy will look into other options as well, to be discussed at the March meeting.

Jennifer Pandich states she has not heard back from Tree City USA Growth Award yet. She will reach out and see if she can get any information.

Greg checked with Brian Slaughter- our remaining budget for this fiscal year is \$6,027. The Tree Board will look at possibly using this for some more tree removals, or planting more trees if we are not awarded either of the grants that have been applied for.

Andy Schmitz applied for the free seedlings and 200 seedlings were awarded for Arbor Day. Varieties will include 25 of each of the following: Kentucky Coffeetree, Highbush Cranberry, Serviceberry, Norway Spruce, Shagbark Hickory, Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, Hackberry

Jennifer Pandich will work on getting an Arbor Day proclamation signed. Arbor Day observation will be April 29th. Board would like to hand out free seedlings from 9AM-11AM in a drive-through fashion in Mound Park. Greg will reserve Mound Park parking lot for this.

Park Board has not heard from MidAmerican on the grant they applied for.

Meeting adjourned 7:37PM

Next Meeting Dates:

March 8, 2023 7:00PM- Library

April 12, 2023 7:00- TBA

May 10, 2023 7:00- TBA