

Dallas Center Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 30, 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: Absent
Brett Kaszinski	ex officio member: Present
Mary Werch	liaison from parks and rec: Present

Meeting called to order by Greg Cagle at 7:00PM

No public comments.

Jennifer Pandich motions to approve October 10th minutes

Hannah Slaughter seconds

Motion approved 4-0

A Jay Winter from Dallas County Orchard is present to answer any questions and be a resource regarding the tree removal bid. City requested bids from 3 companies, only received bids from Xtreme Tree (\$17, 532.50) and Dallas County Orchard (\$17,800). Tree Board would like to split the work between both companies. Work will be split by each tree and who bid lower for a total of \$16, 252.50. The City crew also has a brush pile from cleanup throughout the year to be removed by Xtreme Tree for \$2,510. This cost will be split between Tree Board and Parks and Rec.

Ron Steilen moves to approve work as listed above and send to City Hall for approval

Hannah Slaughter seconds.

Motion approved 4-0

Brett Kaszinski from City present as he will be taking over for Brian Slaughter the end of this year. Brett will contact homeowners affected by this work.

Tree Board would like to plant 12 columnar trees to the West of the library. Trees will cost \$4634 including planting. Tree Board will look at purchasing these around March 2024.

Tree Board expects to need roughly the same amount of money in coming years. Brett states he would expect the same budget for 2024/2025 fiscal year. He does state that due to new legislation, the budget may decrease slightly for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Parks and Rec applied for the Trees Please grant. Roughly 20 trees have recently been added to the Burnett Complex.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM

Next meeting dates:

January 10, 2024 7:00PM- Roy R Estle Memorial Library

February 21, 2024- TBA

March 13, 2024- TBA

April 17, 2024- TBA