

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 10, 2018
CITY HALL CONFERENCE/KITCHEN
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 PM**

PRESENT

Nathan Abbott
Nancci Phillips-Burgess
Erin Butler
Brian Lawrence
Bonnie Sladek
Christi Stromberg

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffery Jenkins, ACM
Bob Roessler, P&R Interim
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist

Call to order and declare a quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:03 p.m.

Approve minutes from the meeting

Motion: made by Committee member Nancci Burgess to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of October 10, 2017 rescheduled to October 17, 2017 meeting as presented.

Second: Committee member Nathan Abbott

Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion passed. Minutes approved as presented.

Discuss results of the 2017 Arbor Day Tree Planting event

The 2017 Arbor Day Tree planting event was held on Saturday November 4, 2017 starting at 10:00 am. Trees were planted in Murphy Park along the lake. The initial plan was to plant the trees along 12th street west of the water tower. The holes were pre dug before the event and irrigation was installed after the trees were planted. Trees that were planted , 3 Live Oaks (30 gal) @ 175.00 ea, 2 Mexican Sycamores (30 gal) @ 214.95 ea, 2 Shamard Red Oaks (30 gal) @ 175.00 ea and 3 Monterrey Oaks (30 gal) @ 175.00 ea. Some small ornamentals and flowers were planned to be planted in the small bed but were not. The committee would like to have more volunteers come to help plant. Several different organizations will be reached out to for the 2018 Arbor Day event. No action taken on this item.

Discuss Arbor Day 2018

Date for the 2018 Arbor Day Tree Planting event is set for Saturday November 3, 2018. Location has not been finalized, but the 2 options are: Murphy Park near the apartments and Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex in the "meadow". Interim Parks and Recreation Director Bob Roessler will provide an update on the upgrades at the Sports Complex that will help the committee decide where to plant trees if they decide on it for the event. No action taken on this item.

Discuss Tree City USA

This year is the 6th consecutive year for the City of Taylor to be A Tree City USA city. There are 4 requirements to be recognized as a Tree City USA city: 1. Maintain a tree board or department 2. Have a community tree ordinance 3. Spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and 4. Celebrate Arbor Day. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Bob Roessler will reach out to the organization to reapply for the 2018 Tree City USA award.

Discuss tree planting in Heritage Square as part of the reconstruction plan

The committee will look at the trees in Heritage Park after renovation is complete and warranty has expired. No action taken on this item.

Identify items for next meeting

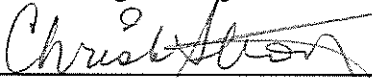
- Decide on location for 2018 Arbor Day Tree Planting event
- Review Tree City USA application process
- Update on Sports Complex upgrades
- Discuss Friends of the Parks & Trails

Next meeting date:

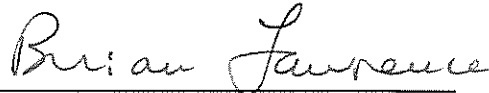
Regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10, 2018.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Christi Stromberg, Chairwoman



Brian Lawrence, Vice Chairman