

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 14, 2015
CITY HALL KITCHEN
400 Porter Street
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Brian Lawrence
Robert Lopez
Bonnie Sladek
Christi Stromberg

ABSENT

Erin Butler

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P & R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist

Call to order and declare a quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:00 p.m.

Approve the minutes from the meeting

Motion was made by Committee member Christi Stromberg to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting. There was no quorum on April 14, 2015, so there were no minutes to approve.

Seconded by Committee Chairman Brian Lawrence.

All voted aye. Minutes are approved.

Vote for chairman and vice chairman positions

Motion made by Committee Member Robert Lopez to nominate Christi Stromberg to the Chairperson position.

Second by Committee Member Bonnie Sladek.

All voted aye. Motion approved.

Motion made by Committee Vice Chairwoman Christi Stromberg to nominate Robert Lopez to the Vice Chairman position.

Second by Chairman Brian Lawrence.

All voted aye. Motion approved.

Discuss 2015 Arbor Day location ideas

The date of Saturday October 10, 2015 was tentatively set for 2015 Arbor Day. No location for the tree planting was agreed upon. A "Special Meeting" date has been set for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 to decide on a tree planting location. Committee member Bonnie Sladek stated that the Taylor Garden Club is donating 13 Chinese Fringe trees and 4 Red Bud trees. Some location ideas that were discussed are the Chamber of Commerce lake, the tennis courts, 2nd street, Murphy park entrance and the Lou Bell Harris pavilion in Murphy park. No action taken on this item.

Discuss tree inventory program and possible implementation of urban forestry program for the City of Taylor

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito is looking into ITREE software that would inventory all the City owned trees and could place value on the trees, along with lots of other information. The committee would like to include youth groups to get involved in the tree program and tree planting events. No action taken on this item.

Identify items for next meeting

- Have photos for locations
- Decide on a location for Arbor Day 2015 tree planting (Christi Stromberg)
- Invite speaker and dignitaries for Arbor Day 2015 (Mike DeVito)

Next meeting date:

"Special Meeting" is tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2015.

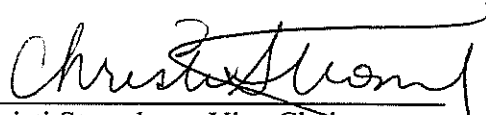
Regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2015.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Brian Lawrence, Chairman



Christi Stromberg, Vice Chairwoman