

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 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

Larry Foos, P&R Director
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist

Call to order and declare a quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:07 p.m.

Approve minutes from the meeting

Motion: made by Committee member Brian Lawrence to approve minutes as presented.
Second: Committee member Nancci Phillips-Burgess
Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None
Motion passed. Minutes approved as presented.

Decide on location for 2018 Arbor Day tree planting

The locations of Murphy Park between the Lou Bell Harris pavilion and the apartment complex and possibly a second location, Bull Branch park along the disc golf course to be installed soon, were decided on for the tree planting sites. Types of trees will be decided on at the next meeting on September 5, but Live and Monterrey Oaks were mentioned as the favored trees to plant in Murphy park and Monterrey Oaks for the disc golf course. The designer of the golf course will be consulted on tree selection and placement. Parks and Recreation Superintendent will research irrigation possibilities for the disc golf trees. Saturday November 3, 2018 is the scheduled date for the Arbor Day Tree planting event. No action taken on this item.

Review Tree City USA application

Parks and Recreation Director Larry Foos has reached out to the Tree City USA organization to re-apply for the award.

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. No action taken on this item

Update on Sports Complex upgrades

The City is still waiting on the grant to be approved. Grant approval should be known by the end of July, 2018. No action taken on this item.

Discuss Friends of the Parks & Trails

The Friends of the Parks & Trails has been changed to Taylor Trees and Trails. Does the committee want to see a Taylor Trees and Trails established. Mr. Foos will check on process of getting an organization like this established/approved. No action taken on this item.

Identify items for next meeting

- Decide on tree selection for 2018 Arbor Day Tree Planting event
- Review City's Tree ordinance, including mitigation for Heritage Park trees
- Discuss Memorial Tree program
- Discuss Taylor Trees & Trails

Next meeting date:

Regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 5, 2018.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Christi Stromberg, Chairwoman



Brian Lawrence, Vice Chairman