

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 30, 2019
CITY HALL CONFERENCE/KITCHEN
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 PM**

PRESENT

Nathan Abbott
Erin Butler
Nancci Burgess
Brian Lawrence
Bonnie Sladek

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 6:03 p.m.

Approve minutes from the meeting

Motion: made by Committee member Nancci Burgess to approve the minutes as presented.
Second: Committee member Nathan Abbott
Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None
Motion passed. Minutes approved as presented.

Location for 2019 Arbor Day Planting event

The committee chose the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex for the 2019 Arbor Day tree planting event. It had also been chosen in 2015. Eighteen trees were planted along the front drive. The area chosen for 2019 is the approximate 1 acre between the ballfield and the soccer fields parking lot. The committee discussed and agreed to create an arboretum type area at this location, which would include not only trees but other types of shrubbery and plants. They determined it should be an ongoing project due to the expense. Native and adapted trees will be selected for planting. A tentative date of Saturday November 9, 2019 has been set. Date of event and tree selection will be determined at the July 9, 2019 meeting. The idea of setting up an online memorial was discussed. Committee member Erin Butler will check to see if there are any grant opportunities for creating an arboretum. The question was asked if the architect for the TPWD grant could give the committee a conceptual arboretum design at a very minimal cost. P&R Director Larry Foos will check with Langford to see if that is a possibility. No action taken on this item.

Review tree ordinance

The ordinance was reviewed and discussed. The committee asked should they just be looking at trees in parks only or can they submit recommendations to edit the Vegetation ordinance. This item was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

No action taken on this item.

Volunteer Outreach

Tree Chair Brian Laurence will continue to reach out to the Girl Scouts, keeping them up to date on the 2019 Arbor Day event. He will also reach out to the Lions Club and the nursery in town. Nathan will contact the FFA. Erin will contact the Boy Scouts. No action taken on this item.

Identify items for next meeting

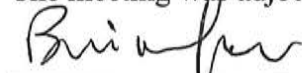
Date for Arbor Day planting
Tree selection for Event
Review Tree ordinance
Volunteer outreach

Next meeting date:

Regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 9, 2019.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Brian Lawrence, Chairman



Nathan Abbott, Vice Chairman