

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
TREE BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2025
Dickey Givens Community Center
1015 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Taylor, TX 76574
5:45 PM**

PRESENT

Cheryl Mazur
Brian Lawrence
Sharon Boon
Julie Rydell
Pam Harper

ABSENT

Mehgan Pokorny

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, Director
Betsy Schultz, P&R Super
Lisa Buzan, Admin

Call to order and declare a quorum.

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Mazur and declared a quorum at 5:46 p.m.

Invocation:

None

Pledge of Allegiance:

All

Citizen Communications

None

A motion to approve minutes from meeting on July 23, 2024

First: Sharon Boon
Second: Pam Harper
Vote: All voted aye.
Minutes are approved as presented.

Tree Care and Maintenance Update

- Trees trimmed throughout Taylor Regional Park
- Trimmed oak tree at circle drive in Murphy Park outside of pool fence
- Damaged tree in Robinson Park; removed downed limb
- Wrapped trees around pond at Taylor Regional Park due to beaver damage.
- We think we have two or three Beavers
- Wrapping trees around Bull Branch pond for beaver damage
- Planted replacement trees in Heritage Square Park & Percussion Park

Tree City USA Update

- Twelve (12) Consecutive Years for Taylor
- Standards:
- Tree Board or Department is responsible for the care of trees in the City.

- Public Tree Care Ordinance
Established in 2010
- Community Forestry Program with Annual Budget of at least \$2 per capita
 - *Replacement trees
 - *Newly planted trees
 - *Maintenance (labor, irrigation, etc.)
- Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Arbor Day 2024 Recap

- We had 24 Volunteers to help plant trees on November 9th.
- 22 trees were planted along the outfield of Robinson Ballfield
- Crepe Myrtles, Monterrey Oaks, and Chin Oaks were planted.

Arbor Day 2025 Planning & Discussion

- Site Selection Options & Suggestions:
 - Bull Branch Park
 - Replace trees along trail by playground
 - Plant trees around playground
 - Replant trees around pond downed by winter storms and beaver damage
 - Plant trees along trail
 - Murphy Park
 - Replant trees around lake by winter storms, aging trees, and beaver damage
 - Open field along 12th Street
- We asked the board for ideas about possible locations.
- Julie talked about trees downtown.
- We can possibly invite someone from the Planning Department to our next meeting to discuss possible locations

Identify items for next meeting

- Wildflowers

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled at 5:30pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Julie Rydell

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 Board Member

 Meghan Pokorny, Vice Chairwoman