

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 08, 2025
City Hall Conference Room
400 Porter Street
Taylor, TX 76574
5:30 PM**

PRESENT

Brian Lawrence
Julie Rydell
Sharon Boon
Pam Harper
Marco Solis

ABSENT

Mehgan Pokorny

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, Director
Betsy Schultz, Superintendent
Lisa Buzan, Liaison

Call to order and declare a quorum.

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Schultz and declared a quorum at 5:36 p.m.

Invocation:

Pam Harper

The Pledge of Allegiance:

All

Citizen Communications

None

New Board Member, Marco Solis was introduced. He has been in Taylor for 5 years and he has been an Arborist since 2019. Welcome Marco!

Agenda Item 1 – Approve Minutes from meeting on February 11, 2025

Motion: Sharon Boon motioned to accept the minutes as presented.

Second: Pam Harper

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Agenda Item 2 – Tree Care and Maintenance Update

- Trees trimmed at Putt-Putt in Murphy Park.
- Cut Back limbs and trees at the Ole BBQ Pavilion and the top of Murphy Park Pavilion
- Constantly fighting with the Beavers at Murphy Park and Bull Branch Park.
- We wrapped trees around the pond at TRP to prevent further beaver damage
- We have a new Stump Grinder and have been grinding stumps at Murphy Park
- Planted replacement trees in Heritage Square Park & Percussion Park.
- Our Arbor Day 2024 Trees at Robinson are looking good.
- Wrapping trees around Bull Branch Pond for beaver damage

Agenda Item 3 – Arbor Day 2025 Planning & Discussion

- Site Selection Options & Suggestions:
 - Option 1 - Taylor Regional Park
 - Irrigation on-site – may need to be extended
 - Open field space and along lake edge/sidewalks
 - Thousands of visitors to the park each weekend of the year
 - Option 2 – Bull Branch Park (Near the Playground)
 - Replace trees along the trail by playground
 - Plant trees around playground
 - Replant trees around the pond downed by winter storms and beaver damage
 - Plant trees along trail
 - Tyler recommended Bull Branch because we will someday add another pavilion there.
 - Suggested and Mentioned Trees were:
 - Mexican Cypress
 - Beaver Resistant Trees
 - Tyler will get a list of trees
 - We can ask Mr. Werchan to come to a meeting to talk about trees
 - Invite someone from Planning & Zoning

- 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

Agenda Item 4 – Board Position Nominations and Elections

Marco Solis was appointed Chair and Julie Rydell was appointed Vice-Chair

Identify items for next meeting

- Arbor Day Planning

Next meeting date:

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Marco Solis, Chairman

Julie Rydell, Vice-Chairwoman