

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2026
City Hall Conference Room
400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas
5:30 PM**

PRESENT

Sharon Boon
Mehgan Pokorny
Pam Harper
Marco Solis

ABSENT

Brian Lawrence
Julie Rydell - Resigned

OTHERS PRESENT

Betsy Schultz, Asst Director
Lisa Buzan, Liaison

Call to order and declare a quorum.

The meeting was called to order by Marco Solis and declared a quorum at 5:30 p.m.

Invocation:

Pam Harper

The Pledge of Allegiance:

All

Citizen Communications

None

Agenda Item 1 – Approve Minutes from meeting on July 8, 2025

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

Second: Mehgan Pokorny

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Agenda Item – Tree Care and Maintenance Update

- Planted replacement trees at Memorial Field and Doak Park
- Raised canopy on trees at Taylor Regional Park
- Raised canopy on trees at Murphy Park along trail by apartment buildings
- Removed hackberry tree along trail in Murphy Park
- Removed suckers from tree outside of Dickey-Givens Community Center

Agenda Item 3 – Tree City USA Update

- Thirteenth (13) Consecutive Years for Taylor
- Standards:
 - Tree Board or Department
 - Responsible for 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
 - Volunteer Hours
 - Maintenance (labor, irrigation, etc.)
- Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Agenda Item 3 – Arbor Day 2025 Recap

- Arbor Day planting was at Bull Branch Park
- 23 volunteers
- Planted 16 trees
- Monterrey Oaks, Live Oaks, and Chin Oaks

Agenda Item 3 – Arbor Day 2026 Planning & Discussion

- Previous Locations:
 - 2013: Robinson Park
 - 2014: Bull Branch Park
 - 2015: Taylor Regional Park – entry
 - 2016: Doak Park ballfields
 - 2019: Taylor Regional Park – softball field open field
 - 2021: Memorial Field – south endzone
 - 2022: Heritage Square Park
 - 2023: Doak Park playground area
 - 2024: Robinson Park outfield fence
 - 2025: Bull Branch Park playground area
- Site Selection Options & Suggestions
 - Taylor Regional Park
 - Irrigation on-site – may need to be extended
 - Open field space and along lake edge/sidewalks
 - Over 85,000 visitors to the park in 2025
 - Murphy Park
 - Open field along West 12th Street
 - Remove split rail fencing
 - Main Street Murphy Park (East of the lake)
 - Open field along Main Street (north of Water Department)
 - Water Department building removed
 - Provide screen from road to park

Agenda Item 4 - Identify items for next meeting

- Tree Selection
- Memorial Trees
- American Legion – Fund Raisers
- Arbor Day
- Appointments for new board members

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled at 5:30pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Marco Solis
Marco Solis, Chairman

4/14/26