

TREE BOARD
October 6, 2014

The Tree Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Study Session Room on the 6th day of October 2014 at 4:00 P.M.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Huffman and members Grisso, Smith-Galoob,
Vanlandingham, Winegardner and Wingfield (one position vacant)

Absent: Member Dickson
City Officials

Present: Sherrel Sheriff, Administrative Tech IV

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Member Menzie made the motion and Member Winegardner seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Huffman and members Grisso, Smith-Galoob,
Vanlandingham, Winegardner and Wingfield

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Vanlandingham made the motion and Member Winegardner seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Huffman and members Grisso, Smith-Galoob,
Vanlandingham, Winegardner and Wingfield

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being

REVIEW OF TREE TIPS ARTICLES

Member Menzie wrote an article on pruning with a cutting diagram. The article will be placed on the web under forestry, sent out as a press release and also posted on Facebook. Chairman Huffman said to use his phone and e-mail for more contact information. Member Menzie is going to work on an article about planting trees.

ITEM 5, being

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Tree Legacy Project – Chairman Huffman stated his committee had met and were going to set up meetings with the Greenbelt Commission and had talked to developer Richard McCowan. Mr. McCowan and Mark Nanny had expressed interest in meeting.

Tree Preservation – Member Wingfield stated his committee was doing fact checking and gathering of information to put together an ordinance. There needs to be incentives for commercial developments. Another key component is emphasizing how to replace stock.

City Forester – Member Dickson was not present

Committees will continue to meet and report back to the Tree Board

ITEM 6, being

INTEGRATION AND INTEREST OF OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Members discussed communicating with the Greenbelt Commission, Blue Thumb and the Storm Water Commission. Need to gather information about how to dovetail issues better. Need to look at environmental groups and public works. Member Vanlandingham asked about ECAB. Ms. Sheriff stated she would check to see what the group focuses on.

ITEM 7, being

MEETING DATES FOR 2015 DISCUSSION

Chairman Huffman stated instead of meeting infrequently, he felt that it would be better to meet on a monthly basis.

Member Winegardener made the motion and Member Vanlandingham seconded to meet the first Monday of every month with the exception of July 6th and September 7th. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Huffman and members Grisso, Smith-Galoob,
Vanlandingham, Winegardner and Wingfield

NAY: None

ITEM 8, being

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Member Grisso asked about the need for a forester and asked if sales tax could be increased to hire a forester.

Sherrel Sheriff announced the City had received notification from the Oklahoma Tree Bank they would only be awarding the City 100 trees instead of the 600 trees originally requested. The Tree give-away will be Friday, October 17th. Trees will be given away on a first come-first served basis beginning at 7:30 AM at Reaves Park.

ITEM 9, being

ADJOURNMENT

Member Winegardner made the motion and Member Menzie seconded to adjourn. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Huffman and members Dickson, Grisso, Smith-Galob, Vanlandingham, Winegardner and Wingfield

NAY: None.

Passed and approved this 3rd of November 2014

Greg Huffman, Chairperson

