

TREE BOARD

April 4, 2011

The Tree Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Study Session Room on the 4th day of April, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Janaway and members, Denton, Dickson, Menzie, Pitchlynn and Winegardner

Absent: Member Fisher, Huffman and Pulvino

City Officials

Present: Sherrel Sheriff, Admin Tech IV

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2011 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 Janaway and members, Denton, Dickson, Menzie, Pitchlynn and Winegardner

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Dickson made the motion and member Menzie seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Janaway and members, Denton, Dickson, Menzie, Pitchlynn and Winegardner

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being

FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

Just a reminder that 550 Trees will be given away on Friday at Reaves Park. More than ½ of the trees were registered for in the first 20 minutes. If anyone is willing to help, please contact Suzanne Terry.

ITEM 5, being

TREE LEGACY NEIGHBORHOOD AWARD DISCUSSION

Chairman Janaway reported he had spoken with Curtis McCarty with the Norman Builders Association and he expressed an interest. Chairman Janaway stated he would invite him to the next meeting. Member Pitchlynn inquired about the application process. Member Menzie stated he would research signage. Member Winegardner questioned the evaluation process. General discussion occurred regarding the award. No decisions were made.

ITEM 6, being

SHADESCAPE INVENTORY

Chairman Janaway stated he had visited with James Briggs and was told any trees planted in parks would need to have irrigation which adds to the expense of planting trees. He will continue to visit with James regarding parks where trees are needed to shade playgrounds.

ITEM 7, being

PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE IN TREE BOARD MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Sherrel Sheriff spoke with the Board regarding the meeting requirements of the Tree Board. In October 2010 during miscellaneous discussion, it was suggested that due to the lack of attendance and inability to maintain a full board the ordinance be changed to meeting a minimum of once per quarter and as needed, versus the 9 times per year requirement. After researching meeting requirements for other City Boards and Commissions, it was discovered only the Tree Board, Public Arts Board, Traffic Appeals Commission and the Greenbelt Commission had meetings addressed in their ordinances. Ms. Sheriff stated she had checked the requirements for being a Tree City and meeting frequency was not listed as criteria.

Member Pitchlynn made the motion and member Dickson seconded to recommend the ordinance be changed to duplicate the Green Belt Commission requirement and read, "The Tree Board shall meet as required in the furtherance of its duties set forth herein." The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Janaway and members, Denton, Dickson, Menzie,
Pitchlynn and Winegardner

NAY: None

ITEM 8, being

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember elect Dave Spaulding had questions regarding the Eastern Red Cedar and their use of an extreme amount of water and high fire danger. Members discussed that it was a nuisance tree. It is not on the approved list of trees for Norman builders. How to educate the public on removing these trees was also discussed. Sherrel Sheriff said she would forward some information available on the web about help from the State of Oklahoma to Mr. Spaulding.

Member Pitchlynn invited those interested to the Park Foundation's Photography Workshop being held April 11th in support of the Tree Photo Contest.

ITEM 9, being

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Chairman Janaway and members, Denton, Dickson, Menzie,
Pitchlynn and Winegardner

NAY: None.

Passed and approved this 2nd of May 2011

Darrell Janaway, Chairperson

