

TREE BOARD
May 7, 2018

The Tree Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Study Session Room on the 7th day of May 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Menzie and Commissioners Fagin, Grisso, Lavastida, and Spain

Absent: Commissioners Huffman, Janaway, Tedder-Loffland, and Winegardner

City Officials

Present: James Briggs, City of Norman Park Planner
Jud Foster, Parks and Recreation Director
Karla Chapman, Administrative Technician IV

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Fagin made the motion and Commissioner Lavastida seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Menzie and Commissioners Fagin, Grisso, Lavastida, and Spain

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Spain made the motion and Commissioner Fagin seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Menzie and Commissioners Fagin, Grisso, Lavastida, and Spain

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board discussed attending the 2nd Friday Art Walk on Friday, May 11th, and will send out a group email to see who can attend.

ITEM 5, being:

RELEAF BERRY ROAD PROJECT

Chairman Menzie said the Park Foundation continues to raise money for ReLeaf Berry Road Project. He said they raised \$100 at Earth Day and another \$150 at the 2nd Friday Art Walk. Chairman Menzie suggested continuing discussions regarding Releaf Berry Road at the June Tree Board meeting when Commissioner Janaway returns.

ITEM 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Chairman Menzie said he accepted Proclamation P-1718-30, from Mayor Miller at the April 10th City Council meeting. He said the proclamation proclaimed April 22, 2018, as Arbor Day in the City of Norman and the Mayor also stated that she would like to work on a tree ordinance for the City of Norman. Chairman Menzie said he took the opportunity to address the Mayor and Council stating a City Forester needs to be hired in order for a tree ordinance to be fully implemented. He said he also spoke to the many benefits of having a City Forester on Staff.

Chairman Menzie requested a new Tree Tip be added to the website and Mr. James Briggs, Park Planner, suggested putting a tip regarding the diseases affecting oak trees. Chairman Menzie said he would work on a Tree Tip for oak tree diseases in general to include oak wilt.

Councilmember-Elect Joe Carter, Ward 2, arrived at the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Mr. Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, said City Council will be discussing the creation of a possible tree ordinance at the Community Planning and Transportation Committee (CPTC) meeting scheduled for May 24th. He requested the Tree Board to compile information from recent proposed tree ordinance discussions and provide a status report that can be given to CPTC. Mr. Foster said he does not need a recommendation from the Tree Board but a summary of what cities were researched to include any requirements they implemented. Commissioner Spain indicated he would prepare the requested information.

The Board discussed cancelling the July 2, 2018 meeting and scheduling a meeting for July 9, 2018.

ITEM 7, being:

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Grisso made the motion and Commissioner Fagin seconded to adjourn. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Menzie and Commissioners Fagin, Grisso, Lavastida, and Spain

NAY: None

Passed and approved this _____ of _____ 2018

Don Menzie, Chairperson
