

TREE BOARD
May 6, 2019

The Tree Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Study Session Room on the 6th day of May 2019, at 4:07 P.M.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Spain, and Winegardner

Absent: Chairman Menzie and Tedder-Loffland

Tardy: Members Fagin and Grisso

City Officials Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation
Karla Sitton, Administrative Technician IV

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 6, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Members Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Spain, and Winegardner

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Members Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Spain, and Winegardner

NAY: None

Member Grisso arrived at the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

ITEM 4, being:

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Janaway said there are approximately 24 crepe myrtles bushes and 18 Chinese pastiche trees still available from the Releaf Berry Road Project and Member Huffman asked whether they could be planted along Berry Road. Member Janaway said it may be difficult to gather volunteers and felt that this is the wrong time of the year to plant trees and/or bushes. Member Huffman asked whether Berry Road Baptist Church would keep and water the bushes and trees. He suggested letting them grown so they could be planted in the fall.

Member Fagin arrived at the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Member Janaway suggested taking the bushes and trees to the Park Maintenance Division and Mr. James Briggs, Park Planner said he would get the bushes and trees picked up and take them to Park Maintenance. Member Janaway said he will work on getting more trees to plant along with these for the Relief Berry Road Project.

ITEM 5, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE EARTH DAY EVENT

The Committee discussed the recent Earth Day Event that was held on April 28th and said it was the most successful Earth Day Event to date. Member Winegardner said the City staff planted a crepe myrtle near the arboretum. Member Fagin said he attended the event and a thunderstorm warning was sent out; however, the event was allowed to continue. Member Huffman said he took a picture of the 1st place winner of Tree Story Contest (Camille Dalton, Jackson Elementary 4th grade) and encouraged her to submit a story for the next Tree Story Contest. Member Grisso said it would be fun to have adults write a tree story about their favorite tree. Member Huffman requested the Committee to think of new activities for children to do at next year's Earth Day Event. Member Janaway suggested having a sign/demonstration at next year's event educating the public about the hazards of using a weed eater too close to trees and suggested ordering "bark guards" to give away. Staff said "bark guards" are available from American Plant Projects and are approximately \$2.00 each.

ITEM 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Member Fagin said he will resume "working" as a Tree Board representative at the 2nd Friday Art Walk and will be setting up a booth for those who would like to help him. He suggested to also have either educational information and/or a demonstration on keeping weed eaters away from young trees.

ITEM 8, being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Members Fagin, Grisso, Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Spain, and Winegardner

NAY: None

Passed and approved this _____ of _____ 2019

Don Menzie, Chairperson
