

TREE BOARD

August 3, 2020

The Tree Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a virtual meeting appearing via video conference on the 3rd day of August 2020, at 4:00 P.M.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Menzie and Members Fagin, Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Pape, and Spain

Absent: Commissioners Tedder-Loffland (one vacant position)

City Officials: Tim Vermillion, City Forester

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 1, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Chairman Menzie and Members Fagin, Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Pape, and Spain

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Chairman Menzie and Members Fagin, Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Pape, and Spain

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were not any other subcommittee reports at this time.

ITEM 5, being:

TREE CARE VIDEOS

Mr. Tim Vermillion, City Forester, queried the Board as to ideas for new Tree Care videos such as preventing weed eater damage to trees.

ITEM 6, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TREE PHOTO CONTEST

Chairman Menzie suggested putting off the Tree Photo Contest for a year since COVID-19 issues have made it difficult to promote and find a place to showcase the photos and winners. The Board discussed and agreed to have a Tree Photo Contest next year.

ITEM 7, being:

TREE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Mr. Tim Vermillion, City Forester, updated the Tree Board regarding the Tree Ordinance and said City Council has him studying a couple of other city ordinances. He said he has also been looking at Norman's current Tree Ordinance. Mr. Vermillion said he should have more information at the next Tree Board meeting.

ITEM 8, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TREE STORY CONTEST

Chairman Menzie said it may be too difficult to have a Tree Story Contest this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact Norman Public Schools have been having virtual classes rather than in person classes.

ITEM 9, being:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

The Board further discussed the potential policy on removing female cottonwood trees on City property. Mr. Alex Fierro, a concerned citizen made a presentation in support of his historic tree nomination.

ITEM 10, being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Chairman Menzie and Members Fagin, Huffman, Janaway, Lavastida, Pape, and Spain

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 5th of October 2020

Don Menzie, Chairperson

