

TREE BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2024

The Tree Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Parks & Recreation Conference Room at the Development Center, on the 7th day of October, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., and notice of the agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, Development Center at 225 N. Webster and on the City website at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Menzie, Members Barksdale, Fagin, Janaway, Roux and Tedder-Loffland

Absent: Members Ackmann and Spain

City Officials: James Briggs, Park Development Manager
Colin Zink, City Forester

ITEM 1, being:

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 TREE BOARD MINUTES

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

YEAH: Chair Menzie, Members Barksdale, Fagin, Janaway, Roux and Tedder-Loffland

NAY: None

ITEM 2, being:

UPDATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED TREE ORDINANCE AND TREE INVENTORY PROJECT

Mr. Zink, City Forester, said the inventory is complete and will be discussed in a City Council Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024 and the kick-off meeting for the Urban Forest Master Plan was held on Monday, September 11, 2024.

ITEM 3, being:

CITY OF NORMAN TREE STORY AND ART CONTEST

Chair Menzie said he will give the 4th and 5th grade first place winners the choice to select which prize they want, but the drone will not be handed out for the older groups due to operation requirements. Member Fagin asked Chair Menzie to send him the information about the flyers once it's complete. Chair Menzie said he will distribute flyers to some of the individual schools. Chair Menzie set the deadline for the Tree Story and Art Contest submissions to be Sunday, December 15, 2024.

ITEM 4, being:

UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Mr. Zink said three bids were received and they will be evaluated on Wednesday, October 11, 2024. Chair Menzie asked what the chosen organization will do. Mr. Zink said they will review maps of Norman, go out to view the topography, discover the fuel load levels to reveal higher risk areas, and then come up with ideas to minimize damage in case of fires. Mr. Briggs, Parks Development Manager, said the company will work with the Norman Fire Department and evaluate each of the nine fire districts.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Member Tedder-Lofland asked Chair Menzie to review meeting dates and he said the next two meetings will be Monday, November 4, 2024 and Monday, December 2, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Menzie made a motion to adjourn and Member Tedder-Lofland seconded. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chair Menzie, Members Barksdale, Fagin, Janaway, Roux and Tedder-Loffland

NAY: None

Passed and approved this _____ of _____, 2024

Don Menzie, Chairperson