

CITY OF ABILENE
TREE BOARD
MEETING AGENDA

August 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Abilene Public Library – Malott Room
209 NW 4th Street

Agenda Items
Call to Order
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of Minutes from July 30, 2019 Meeting
1. Arbor Day Proclamation/Fall Tree Planting 2. Cost Share Program 3. Kansas Arbor Day Poster Contest
Comments
Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES**

**July 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
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209 NW 4th Street**

Members Present: John Barbur (Chair), Steve Flynn, and Drew Snitker (Vice-Chair)

Members Absent: none (two vacant positions)

Staff Present: Jennie Hiatt

Others Present: none

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Approval of the Agenda.

Snitker made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Flynn. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Approval of the Minutes from the March 26, 2019 Meeting.

Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Snitker. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Business

1. Midland GIS Solutions Proposal.

There was discussion regarding the addendum quote from Midland GIS, which includes 2 options. There are still concerns with the down time that happened with the time it took to upload the data, along with having to stop early due to the batteries dying.

After looking at the map of the trees surveyed so far, Snitker claimed that they had missed trees that he knows had been surveyed. He stated that he would take a closer look to determine exactly what areas.

Everyone felt that the price should be renegotiated to around \$5,000 with Midland GIS sending two workers with an ATV and truck and mobile chargers for the units working full five days.

Hiatt stated that due to budget restrictions the project may have to be put on hold for now.

2. Arbor Day Proclamation/Fall Tree Planting.

Hiatt stated that the Tree Board still needs to do an Arbor Day Proclamation, since there wasn't one done back in April. Kim Bamberger suggested doing a fall planting in correlation with the proclamation.

There was discussion in regard to doing the fall tree planting in September or October and that it would be discussed further at the August 27th meeting.

Barbur volunteered to revamp last year's proclamation.

3. Tree Cost Share Program.

There was discussion regarding whether to discontinue the cost share program or not. Some of the items that the Tree Board could do with budgeted monies, if the program was dissolved are to help finish the tree inventory, Emerald Ash Borer education, other tree related educational activities along with continuing the 4th Grade Forester Program and reimplementing the Poster Contest.

Flynn expressed concern that the board should look further into why the program isn't being utilized, before terminating it all together.

4. Membership Discussion.

There was discussion regarding the 2 vacant positions that need to be filled, keeping in mind that both new members must reside within the city limits.

Snitker said that he would visit with Tim Strunk, who showed interest at the Arbor Day presentation.

Comments.

There was discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2019.

Adjournment.

Flynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Snitker. Motion carried unanimously (3-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Attest:

Minutes Approved,

Jennie J. Hiatt
Administrative Assistant

John Barbur, Chair
Drew Snitker, Vice-Chair