

## TREE BOARD

December 5, 2022

The Tree Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a meeting appearing on the 3rd day of October 2022, at 4:04 P.M.

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### ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Menzie and Members Ackmann, Buthod, Fagin, Gourley, Janaway, and Pape

Absent: Members Spain and Tedder-Loffland

City Officials: Colin Zink, City Forester  
Karla Sitton, Admin Tech IV

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ITEM 1, being:

### APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Chair Menzie and Members Ackmann, Buthod, Fagin, Gourley, Janaway, and Pape

NAY: None

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ITEM 2, being:

### DISCUSSION REGARDING TREE STORY CONTEST PLANNING

Chair Menzie suggested waiting to determine the winners of the Tree Story Contest until the next meeting to allow more time for everyone to look over the stories and make their selections. The Board agreed to wait until the next meeting to decide the winners.

The Board discussed and agreed to give everyone the book "*Forest Trees of Oklahoma*" as a participation prize. The books cost \$4.00 each and Chair Menzie said he would find funding to make the purchase.

The Board discussed and agreed to announce the winners at the Earth Day Event scheduled on April 23, 2023.

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ITEM 3, being:

### DISCUSSION REGARDING TREE PHOTO CONTEST PLANNING:

Member Tedder-Loffland is leading the planning efforts for this contest, but had prior commitments and could not attend today's meeting. The Board agreed to hold off discussing this topic until Member Tedder-Loffland returned.

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### MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Mr. Colin Zink, City Forester, said the City had a Free Tree Giveaway for Norman residents on November 18, 2022, at Griffin Park from 9 am until 4 pm. With proof of residency, we gave one tree per household from a list of six species; for a total of 300 trees. Mr. Zink said all the trees were given away by 1 pm! He said every citizen was also given educational information stating not to plant the tree under the electric lines or in utility easements. This is a jointly-funded project presented by First United Bank, OEC, The Norman Park Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Department.

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Chair Menzie suggested giving an award, "Friends of Trees" to a Norman citizen or organization recognizing their efforts and commitment to making a difference in the community's urban and/or rural forestry. The Board discussed and agreed. Chair Menzie said the award could be given at a City Council meeting, possibly when the Mayor gives the annual Earth Day Proclamation. Member Fagin said applicants who have requested Historic Trees Designation on their property could be considered and also suggested that Mr. Zink, Forester, could inform the Board of properties/areas in Norman that have nice trees/forestry. Chair Menzie felt Boy Scout Troops and/or Eagle Scout Troops who complete forest/tree projects could also be considered. Member Buthod said developers who plant/re-plant trees as part of their projects and/or landscape architects could be considered.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**YEAH:** Chair Menzie and Members Ackmann, Buthod, Fagin, Gourley, Janaway, and Pape

**NAY:** None

Passed and approved this 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

Don Menzie, Chairperson

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