

The City of Garland, Texas Tree Board convened in regular session at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in the City Council Work Session Room at City Hall with the following members present:

J.R. Wynne	Chair
Art Whitaker	Vice Chair
Raymond Flood	Board Member
David Greer	Board Member
Laura McLarry	Board Member
Cecil Williams	Board Member
Ed Seghers	Board Member
Molly Bishop	Board Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jim Stone	Managing Director
Warren Bird	Recreation Superintendent
Barry Swisher	Parks Superintendent
Keith Reagan	Parks Business Supervisor
Ann McGinnes	Senior Park Planner
Tom Frey	Landscape Architect

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Matthew Mortimer      Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Wynne turned the meeting over to Laura McLarry, Chairman of the Urban Forestry Committee at 8:00 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Raymond Flood, seconded by Cecil Williams that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2009 be approved as submitted.

**Motion Carried**

**3. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO ADMEND CITY ORDINANCE FOR TREE CARE**

**Motion** was made by Art Whitaker, seconded by Molly Bishop that the Tree Board recommend for the City Council to consider amending Chapter 25, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances to add Section 25.20, regarding the care of trees on public property.

*Section 25.20*

*The City Manager or designee shall have the administrative responsibility for the care, maintenance and removal of trees on public property of which the city has maintenance responsibilities. No person shall remove, damage, destroy or otherwise harm a tree on city property without obtaining written permission. Tree removal in public parks shall be in accordance with the Tree Removal Policy.*

**Motion Carried**

**4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2009 TREE PROGRAM**

**Motion** was made by Art Whitaker, seconded by Molly Bishop that the Board approves the 2009-2010 Tree Program as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**5. BRIEFING ITEMS**

**Staff briefed the Board on the following items:** 2008-09 Tree Program Report, Storm Damaged Trees, Spring Creek Forest Preserve Sewer Line Update, and Tree Power Program 2010.

**6. ATTACHMENTS**

**The Board was provided the following items:**

- Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest Brochure
- *The Daily News, Galveston County*; September 25, 2009, Tree removal along Broadway set to start Saturday


**7. ADJOURN**

**Motion** was made by Art Whitaker, seconded by Molly Bishop that the Tree Board be adjourned at 8:28 PM.

**Motion Carried**

Tree Board

Signed:

  
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J.R. Wynne, Chair

Attest:

  
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Jim Stone, Managing Director