

**AGENDA
FERRIS PARK BOARD
CITY OF FERRIS
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE
STATE OF TEXAS, ELLIS COUNTY
AT THE
FERRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
301 E. TENTH STREET, FERRIS, TEXAS 75125
7:00 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FERRIS PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF FERRIS WILL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT THE FERRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED AT 301 E. TENTH STREET, FERRIS, TEXAS 75125 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
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PARK BOARD BUSINESS

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| 1. | Call to order. | Ø |
| 2. | Roll call to determine the presence of a quorum. | 1 |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| 3. | Consider approval of Park Board meeting minutes of May 18, 2015 and August 24, 2015. | 2 |
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DISCUSSION

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| 4. | Discussion of Earth Day/Creek Clean Up/Natural Mosquito Reduction. | Ø |
| 5. | Discussion of Holley Park. | 8 |
| 6. | Discussion of Splash Park site plan and related items. | 9 |

OLD BUSINESS

- 7. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding tree planting project. 11
- 8. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding other 2015-2016 Park Board priorities. 0

CLOSING

- 9. Discuss items to be placed on next meeting's agenda. 0
- 10. Adjourn. 0

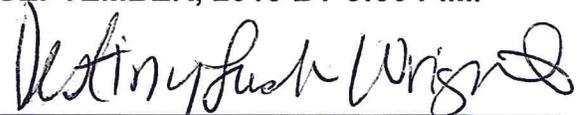
Executive Session Reservation

The Ferris Park Board reserves the right to convene into an Executive Session (closed to the public) as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

Disability Assistance and Accommodation

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at (972) 544-2110 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I, DESTINY LUSK WRIGHT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING NOTICE WAS POSTED ON OR BEFORE THE 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015 BY 5:00 P.M.



DESTINY LUSK WRIGHT
CITY SECRETARY



PARK BOARD

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

2015-2016

Park Board			Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Place	Name	Title	24	28	26	30	16	25	22	28	25	23	27	25
Place 1	Ty Hall	Vice President	P											
Place 2	John Lemon	President	P											
Place 3	April Kay	Board Member	P											
Place 4	Leticia Sasser	Secretary	P											
Place 5	John Reynolds	Board Member	P											
Youth 1	Kaitlyn Kinney	Youth Adviser	A											
Youth 2	Vannessa Solares	Youth Adviser	P											

Total Present: 6

A quorum of the board is 3 members. (Does not include youth advisors)

City Staff			Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Title	Name		24	28	26	30	16	25	22	28	25	23	27	25
D. Coordinat	Chuck Dart		P											
Total Present:			1											

Chair- "Will the Secretary please call the roll."
 The Secretary calls each member's position and name.
 They respond if they are present.
 Secretary- "A quorum is present."

P	Present
A	Absent
R	Resigned
D	Deceased
E	End of Term

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ELLIS**

THE FERRIS PARK BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION MAY 18, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FERRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED AT 301 E. TENTH STREET, FERRIS, TEXAS.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ty Hall, Place 1
John Lemon, Place 2
Leticia Sasser, Place 4
John Reynolds, Place 5
Kaitlyn Kinney, Youth 1
Jasmine Morales, Youth 2

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Dart, Eco. Dev. Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF ABSENT

PARK BOARD BUSINESS

1. Call to order.

John Lemon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

3. Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate regarding the Park Board summer schedule.

John Reynolds moved to cancel the June and July meetings and to resume meeting on August 24, 2015. Seconded by Ty Hall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Consider approval of Park Board minutes of April 27, 2015.

Ty Hall moved to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of April 27, 2015. Seconded by John Reynolds. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0-0.

DISCUSSION

5. Discussion of the 2015 Ferris Earth Day post-mortem.

The board members discussed the post-mortem and concluded that the problems mentioned could easily be corrected.

6. Discussion of grants.

Chuck Dart updated the board on the grants and gave his recommendations. He also stated that the board needs to work on grants 6 months in advance.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the 2015-2016 Park Board priority list.

The following items will be placed on the priority list:

- Earth Day
- Yellow Jacket Trail
- Mutz Park Rose Garden
- Splash ark
- Holly Park
- Alley Park
- Mutz Park parking improvements
- I-45
- Trees

CLOSING

8. Discuss items to be placed on next meeting's agenda.

- Ferris Park Board wish list
- Tree watering schedule

9. Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Ty Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by John Reynolds. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

APPROVED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

ATTEST:

Chuck Dart
Economic Development Coordinator

Cynthia Sanchez
Secretary to City Manager

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ELLIS**

**THE FERRIS PARK BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 24, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FERRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
LOCATED AT 301 E. TENTH STREET, FERRIS, TEXAS.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ty Hall, Place 1
John Lemon, Place 2
April Kay, Place 3
Leticia Sasser, Place 4
John Reynolds, Place 5
Vanessa Solares, Youth 2

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Dart, Eco. Dev. Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kaitlyn Kinney, Youth 1

STAFF ABSENT

PARK BOARD BUSINESS

1. Call to order.

John Lemon called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

2. Roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

3. Introduction of board members.

Park board introductions were made. The board consists of four experienced board members, one new member, one returning youth advisor and one new youth advisor.

4. Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate regarding meeting dates in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Ty Hall moved to change selected regularly scheduled meeting dates to the following: November 30 and December 16. Seconded by April Kay. The motion carried 5-0-0.

5. Election of officers.

Ty Hall moved to nominate John Lemon as President. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0-0.

John Lemon moved to nominate Ty Hall as Vice President. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0-0.

John Reynolds moved to nominate Leticia Sasser as Secretary. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Consider approval of Park Board minutes of May 18, 2015.

This item was tabled until the September meeting.

DISCUSSION

7. Discussion of Park Board accomplishments in 2014-2015.

The board reviewed the list of accomplishments.

8. Discussion of Mutz Park tree watering.

The board agreed on a schedule through October.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the 2015-2016 Park Board priority list.

The following items will be placed on the priority list:

- Earth Day/Creek Clean Up/Natural Mosquito Reduction. Invite panel to discuss.
- Mutz Park improvements (parking at north end). Meet with Public Works.

- Additional trees planted city wide. Determine locations for fall planting.
- Mutz Park rose garden. April Kay to present ideas at November meeting
- Splash Park – obtain final site plan with soccer fields and fencing.
- Holley Park (lighting). Invite WM, Scouts to discuss how Park Board can help.
- Alley Park

CLOSING

8. Discuss items to be placed on next meeting's agenda.

- Invite panel for discussion of mosquito reduction plan.
- Discuss tree options and locations; set a planting date.
- Review final site plan of soccer fields for splash park feasibility.

9. Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, John Reynolds moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ty Hall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

APPROVED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

ATTEST:

Chuck Dart
Economic Development Coordinator

Cynthia Sanchez
Secretary to City Manager



Pecan St

Maple St

Weatherford St

900

St

8

Remaining Areas West and East of Soccer Fields



Approximately 6 acres

Soccer fields fenced area - blue

Approximately 4.8 acres

Splash Concept 2014



GARDENING

It's almost time to plant trees

By KAREL HOLLOWAY
Special Contributor

If there's a spot in your yard that could use some shade, it's time to think about planting trees.

Fall and winter are the best time to plant ornamental and fruit trees, arborists say.

"October, November, December — it's the optimal time," says Steve Houser, a certified arborist and a leader in the Dallas Citizen Forester Program.

Late-year planting allows roots to get established "before the summer blast furnace," adds Eric Larner, an urban forestry specialist for Dallas County Master Gardeners.

"Our main planting season is probably November through March," says Larner, 73, of Carrollton.

Larner helped select five trees planted in the master gardeners' Raincatcher's Garden at Midway Hills Christian Church in Dallas, which includes a butterfly garden, flowers and vegetables, is designed to show the public what works.

The gardeners planted three oaks — a chinquapin (*Quercus muehlenbergii*), Mexican white oak (*Quercus polymorpha*) and Lacey (*Quercus glaucooides*) — a cedar elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*) and ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*).

Notice that a live oak and red oak, two of the most popular trees in Texas, were not included.

"We need to get away from live oak and red oak," Houser says. They are particularly susceptible to oak wilt, a disease that kills a tree, then spreads through the roots to kill other oaks nearby.

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Starla Willis/
Dallas County Master Gardeners

Dallas County Master Gardeners planted this Mexican white oak in their Raincatcher's Garden at Midway Hills Christian Church in Dallas.

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Cedar elms are reliable, adaptable shade trees that are drought tolerant and turn golden yellow in the fall.

Larner says a ginkgo is part of the mix to add something a little unusual.

"The ginkgo is becoming more popular because it is drought tolerant and more likely to have fall color," Larner says.

A ginkgo warning: Be sure it's a male tree. Females produce stinky fruit, Larner says. "I don't think retailers are selling females, but you need to check."

When it comes to shade trees, probably the bigger the better. Trees with a dirt root ball wrapped in burlap are the best, but they are also more expensive, Larner says.

A container tree from a local big-box store can be fine, if it's carefully selected and planted. If possible, ease a tree out of the container at the store to see if the roots are somewhat vertical or look more like a woven basket.

If the roots are wrapped



Photos by Starla Willis/Dallas County Master Gardeners

Left: Eric Larner and Elizabeth Wilkinson examine a tree root ball before planting at the Dallas County Master Gardeners' demonstration garden. Right: Larner, a master gardener and tree specialist, trims a newly planted tree.

around the root ball, they will need to be pulled out and even cut to keep them from strangling the tree after it's planted.

The same guidelines apply to fruit trees, says Larry Stein, a specialist with Texas AgriLife

Extension Service. Except he likes to plant even later.

"If I had my choice, I'd plant in the winter," he says. January and February are his favorite time. Bare-root trees, those whose roots are usually wrapped with little or no soil, are more likely to be available. "They are cheaper," Stein says, and you can see whether the roots are healthy. Often they are found at feed or farm supply stores.

Container-grown trees are more readily available, he says, and will do well if planted carefully. Ideally, fruit trees should be 3 to 4 feet tall. If they are taller, it's best to trim the central trunk at the top. Side limbs should also be pruned, Stein says. Peaches, pears, plums and other fruits do well in Texas. Apples can grow but are subject to cotton root rot, Stein says.

Homeowners interested in the more unusual can try persimmons. The key, the arbor-

Why plant a tree?

- Trees provide shade.
- They help clean air.
- They can lower utility bills.
- Roots hold soil in place.
- Trees add value to property.



The proper soil is important when planting a tree, arborists say.

ists say, is to pick a tree and plant. The shade, and maybe fruit, will be well worth it.

Karel Holloway is a Terrell freelance writer.

Want more information?

- Texas Tree Planting Guide from the Texas A&M Forest Service: texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/ViewAllTrees.aspx. There's a tree planting graphic and video at texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/PlantTreeProperly.html
- Dallas has a Citizen Forester program. Find information at dallastrees.org/?page_id=91
- The Texas Trees Foundation, sponsored by Oncor, even includes a tree-planting game at texastrees.org.

Choose the right tree

- Decide what kind of tree you want. Will it primarily provide shade? Screening from an unwanted view? Fall color? Edible fruit?
- Pick the right spot. Is there room for the size tree wanted? Remember to think about how far the tree will reach when it's fully grown.
- Will it interfere with driveways, walkways or the home's foundation?
- Will the selected tree interfere with power lines when it is full size?
- Think about the amount of shade it will provide. Will it shade the home's windows? When it's full size, will it provide too much shade for grass or flowers to grow?
- Does it have undesirable characteristics? Is there unwanted fruit? An unpleasant smell?

How to plant a tree

- Select the proper site with appropriate soil type. Eric Larner, a Dallas urban tree specialist, says he ran into solid rock just a few inches down when helping plant at the master gardeners' demonstration garden. The planters dug through the rock and planted. The tree didn't do well, Larner says.
- Measure the root ball and dig a hole 2 to 3 times the ball's diameter.
- The hole should not be too deep. The top of the root ball should be level with the ground.
- If the hole is too deep, backfill with dirt taken from the hole. Steve Houser, a certified arborist, says it's better to plant a tree too high than too far into the ground.
- Remove the tree from the container. Make sure girdling roots are pulled or trimmed.
- Place the tree in the hole and fill in with removed dirt. Fertilizer is not needed. Some compost can be mixed with the fill dirt, if desired. Larner says to be sure to stomp the dirt down so the tree won't settle too much later.
- Use a slow-running hose to thoroughly water the tree.
- Put mulch around the newly planted tree, pulling it away from the trunk.
- Protect the trunk with a purchased protector or slit the side of a 2-liter plastic bottle and place it around the trunk.
- Water as necessary, depending on how dry the soil is. Houser says just poke your finger in the ground to see whether it's damp a couple of inches down. Water if it's dry.

SOURCE: Dallas Morning News research

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