

**MINUTES
THE COLONY TREE ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 10TH 2011**

PRESENT: TeRon Lawrence - President
Lisa Leary - Secretary
Stephen Sohn – Vice President
Kathy Braby – Treasurer
Dan Mahle – Member
Don Beckel – Member
Rolando Reyes - Member

STAFF: Pam Nelson
Keith Helms - Absent
Kathy Neal

COUNCIL LIAISON: Allen Harris - Absent

1. CITIZEN'S INPUT-

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10TH 2011 –

Motion to approve the minutes – Leary; second – Sohn; abstain – Reyes; motion passes.

3. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW THE PRELIMINARY 2011 TREE CITY USA APPLICATION

The board was given a preliminary recap of the 2011 qualifying expenditures, and one item missing from this report is the North Colony landscape project. Bids for this project will be awarded in December; even though the trees won't be planted until 2012 the project will be funded in 2011, so we can add it to the 2011 expenditures. There were more expenditures this year than we thought we would have due to maintenance. The park maintenance crew spent a lot of time hand watering trees; because of the drought, the irrigation systems were not sufficient enough to keep the trees watered, so we had to supplement with hand watering.

A page will be set up on the CDC website dedicated to trees; it will have information about tree plantings, the Adopt-A-Tree program, and registering trees with the North Texas Initiative.

4. DISCUSS “TREE NORTH TEXAS” INITIATIVE –

Between now and February is the best time to plant trees. We need to encourage people to register their trees online whenever they do plant trees.

5. DISCUSS GOALS FOR 2012 –

Some of the goals set in 2011 did not get done, so we will do them in 2012; one of those goals is to develop an online survey. A suggestion was made to have a tree planting seminar and to also make tree planting a competition to see how our tree plantings compare with other cities.

There being no further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Kathy Neal, Recording Secretary

TeRon Lawrence, President