

**TREE BOARD
CITY OF MANSFIELD**

March 11, 2019

Chairman Wilshire called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1200 East Broad Street, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving date, place, and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Present:

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| Wayne Wilshire | Chairman |
| Cory Smithee | Vice-Chairman |
| Mel Neuman | Commissioner |
| Robert Klenzendorf | Commissioner |
| Tamera Bounds | Commissioner |

Absent:

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| Kent Knight | Commissioner |
| Andrew Papp | Commissioner |

Staff:

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| Lisa Sudbury | Interim Director of Planning |
| Shirley Emerson | Planner |
| Delia Jones | Planning & Zoning Secretary |
| Joe Smolinski | Deputy City Manager |
| Clay Cawood | Fire Marshal |
| Raymond Coffman | City Engineer |
| Stevon Smith | Landscape Administrator |

Call to Order

Chairman Wilshire called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

TB#19-001: Consideration of a Tree Removal Permit for approximately 10 acres generally located at the northwest corner of Debbie Lane and Walnut Creek Drive on property addressed at 585 E. Debbie Lane

Michael Martin, Project Manager for Bannister Engineering, stated that he has been working with the applicant on this project for approximately 3 years. He added that the tract has several hardships related to topography and drainage that have made the tract impossible for the owner to sell the property to prospective developers. Mr. Martin stated that it is the intent of the owner to clear the developable area, as shown in the site plan, grading plans and tree preservation plans, in order to create an area feasible to add fill material and raise the site closer to grade with Walnut Creek and Debbie Lane. Douglas Whitley, the applicant, stated that the property was originally designated as a park. He added that he and his business partner, Danny Ray, have tried to give the property to the City but were unsuccessful.

Mr. Smolinski stated that he will speak with the Park Board at their next meeting regarding the property. Mr. Coffman stated that it is possible to develop the property if approved, and noted that a detailed review of the project would be done at the time of permitting. Martin Hernandez registered in support of the permit.

Seeing no one else come forward to speak, Chairman Wilshire called for a vote on the permit.

Vice Chairman Smithee made a motion to approve the request with the condition that all tree protection measures should be followed. Commissioner Neuman seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Wilshire, Smithee, Neuman and Klenzendorf
Nays: 1 - Bounds
Abstain: 0

Adjournment

Commissioner Bounds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Smithee seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 – Wilshire, Smithee, Neuman, Klenzendorf and Bounds

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

With no further business, Chairman Wilshire adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Wayne Wilshire, Chairman

Delia Jones, Planning & Zoning Secretary