

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

PROJECT UPDATES

1. Vet’s Park potential Soldier Row

Hillary is in process of getting approval for her final plans. Her last update indicated she was going to incorporate oaks, but was going to predominantly be one species. Once I have final approved plans from her, I will send out for quotes.

a. Project timeline:

Spring 2019	Project design (Hillary Hanzel) – COMPLETE (out for final review)
Summer 2019	EDFC Project Review & Approval - COMPLETE
Fall 2019	Send out for project quotes
Fall2019/Spring 2020	Plant trees – Hire a contractor

2. Tappen Middle School Planting along Stadium at Brockman BLVD

Trees have been ordered. Planting will take place this fall by Forestry Staff.



POTENTIAL PROJECTS

1. Park Landmark Tree Maintenance Program

Parks Maintenance has requested assistance in supporting a Landmark Tree Maintenance program. Staff sees the benefits of providing extra care and attention to the large Landmark trees in our community. They would like to launch a Park Landmark Tree Maintenance Program and are interested in partnering

with the EDFC. When staff or residents notice a large park tree that is declining or showing signs of stress, they would like to have Guardian Tree Experts evaluate the tree and provide a recommended care program to increase the longevity of some of our park's largest trees. Here's how the program could work:

- A large tree is found to be declining.
- Guardian Tree Experts are called to inspect the tree and provide a written maintenance report for a care program for the tree.
- Parks/Forestry Staff institute the recommended plan with funding support from the EDFC.

Support from the EDFC can be (1) on a case-by-case basis, or (2) an account can be set up with finance and the committee could allocate a base dollar amount to be transferred to that account to be used to cover costs associated with this program.

Is this a project the EDFC would like to participate in?

2. Leslie Science and Nature Center Apple Orchard

Parks Maintenance Staff were notified by Adopt-a-Park volunteers that the apple trees at the LSNC were declining. Staff had Guardian Tree Experts come out and evaluate all 15 trees on site. Their report found that fire blight was prevalent and came up with a treatment plan for these trees. A long-term maintenance plan was put together by Guardian Tree Experts. The total costs associated with this project are \$3,130.00. Parks maintenance staff will do the recommended tree removals of 3 of the most affected trees not likely to survive in house, which would lower the project cost to \$2,230.00. Is this a project the EDFC would like to participate in?

