



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

March 23, 2021

Hybrid

Winter Park Commission Chamber
401 Park Ave South, Winter Park FL 5:00pm

Board Members Present

Chuck Bell, Jill Bendick, John Nico, Tom McMacken, Lawrence Lyman

Board Members Absent

Meggen Wilson

Administrative

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tom McMacken at 5:05pm

Motion made by Jill Bendick to approve the February 23, 2021 meeting minutes; seconded by Chuck Bell. Motion carried unanimously

Action Items

Permit Denial Appeal 1601 Pine Ave

Staff informed the board of the three trees that were denied for removal and the reasons for each denial. David Montalto; representing the family addressed the board. Clients are requesting to remove all the trees for aesthetic reasons. After further discussion; a *motion was made by Charles Bell to uphold the staff's recommendation of denial of the tree permit application for 1601 Pine Ave; seconded by John Nico motion carried unanimously.*

Tree Code Revisions- Continued

Staff created and presented a mitigation matrix to the board. Board members researched other tree ordinances, in comparison to the City of Winter Park's current ordinance. Some of the other ordinances offered incentives, the option to relocate trees, and a species diversity program. Some suggestions for the current city's ordinance are to simplify the ordinance, with clear explanations and tables, to use the matrix as a base and make decisions case by case. After further discussion regarding the value and mitigation matrix, and regulations on landmark (significant) trees, and review of the current fee schedule; direction was made for staff to draft a final tree ordinance and present at the next meeting.

Reports

Discussion

New Business

Howell Branch Preserve Restoration project will begin soon

Adjourn Motion made by Tom McMacken to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jill Bendick; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Next Meeting: April 27, 2021