



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

June 22, 2021

Hybrid

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

Board Members Present

Jill Bendick, John Nico, Christina Schloot, Melanie Love, Steve Carras, Kim Ashby

Board Members Absent

Meggen Wilson

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jason Seeley at 5:00pm

Selection of New Board Chair & Vice Chair

Motion made by Melanie Love to nominate Kim Ashby as Chair and John Nico as Vice Chair, seconded by Steve Carras. Motion carried unanimously

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes- April 27, 2021

Motion made by Jill Bendick to approve the April 27, 2021 meeting minutes; seconded by John Nico. Motion carried unanimously

Staff Updates

a. Urban Forestry Program Overview

Josh Nye provided the board with an update of the Urban Forestry Program and the scope of work for the division. Staff also informed the board members of Florida Statue 163.045 regarding residential permitting, which impacts the ability to enforce the tree preservation ordinance on residential property. Board members inquired on ways to inform residents on the importance of protecting the tree canopy.

b. Tree Preservation Board Approved Ordinance Revision

The revision of the Tree ordinance was finalized and approved with the previous board. Planning & Zoning will vote on the ordinance revision then the revision will have two readings at the Commission Meeting. Josh gave an update on the permit denial that came before the board in March.

c. Planting Guide

Development of a supplemental guide will begin once the ordinance revision is complete. The document will provide information relevant to the public regarding standards, procedures and requirements for a range of tree related issues. As a supplemental to the ordinance, the guide may be more easily updated than a code revision. Board members suggested lignin the fee schedule in the supplemental guide. Board members suggested educating the residents, on hiring qualified contractors.

Citizen Comments

Action Items

Board Comments

Chairwoman suggested a designated house/specimen area for all things Urban Forestry. Board member Nico inquired/suggested an action plan for the board.

Adjourn Motion made by Steve Carras to adjourn the meeting seconded by Melanie Love; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

Next Meeting: July 27, 2021