



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

June 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Commission Chamber
401 S Park Ave | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Melanie Love, Jill Bendick, Steve Carras, Christina Schloot, and Christine Girand

Absent

Rebecca Gallardo, Kim Ashby

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Parks Services Manager, Josh Nye at 5:04pm

2. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes- May 24, 2022

Motion made by Jill Bendick to approve the minutes; seconded by Christina Schloot. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Public Hearings

5. Action Items

a. Vice-Chair Selection

Motion made by Jill Bendick nominating Christine Girand to serve as vice-chair; seconded by Steve Carras. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Meeting Schedule

Mr. Nye presented a meeting frequency of every other month per staff recommendation as the agenda and action items have not been substantial enough to warrant a meeting. Melanie Love opposed the recommendation and Steve Carras recommended tabling the item until Chairwoman, Kim Ashby, is present.

Motion made by Christine Girand, seconded by Christina Schloot, to table the item. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

a. Progress Point Tree Failure

Parks Services Manager, Josh Nye, provided an update to the Board regarding the health of the tree that was affected by the June 18, 2022 storm stating that the microburst of wind toppled the tree over but crews had the tree upright by noon June 19, 2022 and installed additional straps for added support through the storm season and allow the tree ample time to root properly.

b. Staffing Update

Mr. Nye informed the Board of his promotion to Park Services Manager as well as Stefano Alvernia's promotion to Urban Forestry Superintendent along with the upcoming Tree Care Specialist position that will be open as of October 1, 2022. This position will allow for more flexibility with the care and maintenance of city trees. Mr. Alvernia commented on having a new General Foreman that will also be working in conjunction with the Tree Care Specialist. The Tree Care Specialist will be an understudy to the Field Services Coordinator, Bruce Kern, where they can learn more about the history of the city tree canopy, the equipment and power tools required to perform the job correctly, and absorb knowledge pertaining to the City of Winter Park. A new arborist will also be joining the team as an offer has been made to one of the applicants and staff expects to have a decision by the end of the week.

c. Ordinance Revision Process

Mr. Nye provided a brief status update and informed the board that the revisions will be reviewed at the upcoming Planning & Zoning Work Session on July 12th, 2022. Once approved by Planning & Zoning staff will schedule it on the City Commission Agenda for review.

Steve Carras asked if the Board would have the opportunity to review the redlines prior to it being presented at City Commission. Staff confirmed that yes, the Board will have another opportunity to review the redlines.

8. Board Comments

Melanie Love inquired about the Tree Barricade signage and Mr. Alvernia ensured the Board that signage has been placed on the barricades.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Steve Carras, seconded by Melanie Love, to adjourn at 5:39 pm. Motion carried unanimously