



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

September 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Chapman Room
401 S Park Ave | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Kim Ashby, Rebecca Gallardo, Christine Girand

Absent

Steve Carras(V), Jill Bendick (V- non-participating), Christina Schloot, Melanie Love

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Kim Ashby at 5:07pm

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the August 22, 2023 Minutes

Tabled due to lack of quorum

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

None

4. Public Hearings

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

a. P&Z Work Session

Mr. Nye provided an update to the Board regarding code revisions to the tree ordinance. P&Z is currently in the process of completing the comp plan so staff will continue working on the code revisions and once he has the revisions approved he will present them to the Board at a later date prior to taking them to City Commission.

b. 6 Isle of Sicily Case

Mr. Nye provided an update of the code violation case regarding the removal of all of the trees on the lot. Staff is pleased with the outcome and feels the city obtained a result that was satisfactory for the violations committed by the resident. Board inquired how the residents were able to remove the debris from the property and if there would be any repercussions for the company hired by the residents to perform the work. Mr. Nye stated the resident would not allow staff on the property and would most likely not provide staff with the company information.

c. Backyard Biodiversity Day

Mr. Nye informed the Board that the event will take place at Mead Gardens on October 21st where staff will be giving away one-gallon trees as well as providing tree care facts and information to the public. It will be followed by Growvember on November 11th and will also take place at Mead Gardens.

d. Winter Park Land Trust Committee - Community Forum on Trees

Mr. Nye informed the Board of the committee's upcoming event and his desire to ensure there are no breaches of the Sunshine Law during the event by designating one Board member to be in attendance and represent the Tree Board at the event. Chairperson Kim Ashby will be in attendance to represent as she is well-versed on our current topics and possesses a legal background.

8. Board Comments

Mr. Carras inquired if the public is able to research active permits to confirm if a resident has been granted a tree removal permit or not.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm

Minutes approved by the Board October 24th, 2023

/s/ Recording Secretary Laura Halsey