

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021

Call to order: 6:06

Members Present: R. Stowe, G. Powell, D. Brown, D. Kerner

Members Absent: A. Gottlieb

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: None

Public Attendance : None

Approval of minutes: September 9, 2021 & October 6, 2021

Motion made by D. Brown to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by R Stowe.

Yays: 4 Nays: 0

Motion carries.

Reports:

The advisor D. McGrew informed the Board that he will be attending Florida Association of Code Enforcement Level I training, Fundamentals of Code Enforcement November 15-19, 2021. The advisor also gave the Board an update on the Code case for Checkers Tree Abuse. A status hearing is scheduled for the November Special magistrate. The property owner has contracted with a local tree trimming company that employs multiple Certified Arborists to conduct restoration pruning for a period of 5 years.

R Stowe told the Board about a presentation he attended, The Art of Tree Selection by Ben Burle

New Business:

A. Discuss Urban Forestry Management Plan- Increase coverage, add resilience and diversity to the city tree canopy.

The advisor D. McGrew informed the Board that some of the items were addressed in the 2019 code changes such as increasing the Native plant requirement from 50% to 75% and reducing the palms that can count toward required trees from 25% to 20%.

B. Landscape Technical Manual

The advisor informed the Board the purpose of the Landscape Technical Manual is to provide the residents and businesses with landscape information in an easy-to-understand format. At the time of the recommendation to draft the manual, funds were not available for this project. The advisor will explore using the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to pay for the manual.

Old Business:

A. Beach Pruning

Update by G. Powell that the report from Lisa Hammer was received. She will work with The Public Services Department, Grounds Maintenance and the City's contractor to implement the recommendations. The first onsite meeting with City Staff and the contractors was held on November 1, 2021 and will continue on a quarterly basis.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM