

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
September 9, 2021

Call to order: 6:05

Members Present: R. Stowe, G. Powell, D. Brown, A. Gottlieb

Members Absent: D. Kerner

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: None

Public Attendance : None

Approval of minutes: August 12, 2021

Motion made by D. Brown to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by G. Powell.

Yays: 4 Nays: 0

Motion carries.

Reports:

The advisor D. McGrew told the board about a project that was heard by the Historic Resources Preservation Board the will impact mature Mango and Oak Trees.

The advisor also told the board the current balance of the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund is \$19,600 and informed the Board that by ordinance the funds can only be used for tree protection, tree preservation, tree education and purchase and replacement of trees in the City.

New Business:

A. Tree Conservation and property development

The Board discussed the process for tree removal on development sites. The board advisor informed the board that trees may be removed from a development site if they are located in an area where a structure or improvement will be placed. Trees that are removed must be replaced as specified in the Landscape Ordinance based on the diameter and condition of the tree(s).

B. Urban Forestry Grant

The Board discussed the Florida Division of Forestry Carbon Sequestration Grant and Urban Forestry Grant opportunities. The board agreed not to apply during this cycle due to the short amount of time to apply for the grant and the city does not qualify for the carbon Sequestration grant.

Old Business:

A. Beach Pruning

G. Powell gave the board an update on the progress finding a professional to conduct an evaluation and provide recommendations for the beach pruning.

R. Stowe recommended Lisa Hammer be contacted to provide a quote for her services. G.Powell told the board about getting training from Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management on how to manage the dune planting.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 PM