

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
August 12, 2021

Call to order: 6:05

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

Members Absent: None

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: None

Public Attendance : None

Approval of minutes: October 28, 2020, June 10, 2021 and July 8, 2021

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

Andy Gottlieb recused himself from approving the minutes since he did not attend the July 8, 2021 meeting.

Yays: 4 Nays: 0 Recused: 1

Motion carries.

Reports:

Advisor D. McGrew told the board about the tree removal at 331 N Lakeside Dive; the trees were declared hazardous by an ISA Certified Arborist in accordance state statute 163.045 which preempts the City from requiring permits or replacement.

D. McGrew told the board about the Code Compliance process.

Board member G. Powell brought up the Golf View road parking re-configuration. The board discussed the parking plan and agreed that they all opposed any parking plan that encroached upon Bryant Park. A. Gottlieb will draft an email to send to the City Commission outlining the boards opposition to taking parkland for vehicle parking.

The Board discussed tree and groundcover information.

Richard told the board about an issue with boundary plants.

New Business:

A. Election of Officers

Chair

R. Stowe nominated G. Powell as Chair. G. Powell declined the nomination.

G. Powell Nominated D. Kerner as Chair. D. Kerner accepted the nomination

R. Stowe made a motion to elect D. Kerner as Chair. Seconded by G. Powell.

Yays: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carries; D. Kerner is the new chairperson

Vice-Chair

R. Stowe nominates A. Gottlieb as Vice-Chair. A Gottlieb declines.
D. Kerner asks G. Powell if she is interested. G. Powell declines and recommends R. Stowe as Vice-Chair.
A. Gottlieb nominated R. Stowe as Vice-Chair. R. Stowe accepted the nomination.
G. Powell made a motion to elect R. Stowe as Vice-Chair. Seconded by A. Gottlieb.

Yays: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carries; R Stowe is the Vice-Chairperson.

Secretary-Corresponding

R. Stowe Nominated D. Brown as corresponding secretary. D. Brown accepted the nomination.
R. Stowe made a motion to elect D. Brown as corresponding Secretary. Seconded by G. Powell
Nays:5 Yays:0
Motion carries; D. Brown is the Corresponding Secretary

B. Artificial Turf Ban- the board discussed banning the use of Artificial turf. Advisor D. McGrew told the board that it is up to the City Commission to address artificial turf, which has not been scheduled for discussion.

C. Board Priorities:

- Providing information to the public via handouts/brochures and City web site.
- Tree Board attendance and/or presentations to Neighborhood Association meetings.
- Amnesty Day for non-native tree removals.
- Information kiosk at the beach informing the public about the importance and benefits of the due planting.

D. Sunshine Law: the board discussed how to stay within the Sunshine Law.

Meeting adjourned 8:08 pm