

**The City of Lake Worth Tree Board**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
February 23, 2022

**Call to order:** 6:11

**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:** None

**Reports:** None

**Presentations:** Presentation to the board from former Tree Board Chairperson Gael Silverblatt on her experiences while serving on the Board. Gael reviewed the various documents that she and the previous Board drafted and the multiple activities that they undertook and that are outlined below.

- The current Tree Board was established in 2004. Previous Board was called the “Beautification Board”. One of the primary goals for the new Board was to rewrite the landscape ordinance which would include strong tree protection.
- Some of the other goals were to provide public information on the benefits trees which are provide shade, lowers electricity bill, and increases property values, Proper pruning and planting.
- Festival of Trees
- Shade tree Giveaways- landscape ordinance states you have to have a shade tree in your front yard. Smarty Plants provided mango, lychee, oaks, mahogany. People really liked the variety of trees and planted them. Tree Board did a mapping of where trees were planted. Get native plant nurseries to donate their lower grade trees. Excalibur Nursery. Say that we’re doing them a favor by getting them publicity. We could hold it in Bryant Park. CRA should be contributing to shade tree giveaways.
- Holiday parade- Tree Board had a float and banners
- National Parking Day
- Outstanding Neighborhood Tree Contest- Good Neighbor Award - 2010 – 4 Good Neighbor Awards, 1 per district. Your landscape provides shade in other yards and beautifies whole street
- Let’s Plant Trees Brochure-2006 Frequently Asked Questions for Single Family Home Owners pamphlet-2008 Both of these pamphlets were distributed at City Buildings and at neighborhood meetings.
- Landscape Ordinance revision-2009
- Presentations to neighborhood associations-- 2007 –2008. Purpose is to get people enthused about trees and to know that their yards are useful beyond just mowing their lawn and using artificial turf. Education about using drought tolerant plants. Important to know that the migratory bird path goes through Lake Worth Beach. You don’t need to be an expert. It’s about educating the public over and over again. Need to educate CRA before they start building projects.

She suggested that the Board do public outreach to inform residents about the adverse effects from “Hat Racking” trees and to produce a pamphlet for homeowners on the landscape regulations.

The Board then had a question and answer session with the her.

**Old Business**

**A. Board projects and priorities discussion**

Tabled to future meeting.

**Meeting adjourned 7:39M**