

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022

Call to order: 6:08

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

Members Absent: None

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: Remove Items A & C

Public Attendance : None

Approval of minutes: November 10, 2021 and December 9, 2021
Tabled to next meeting

Reports: None

New Business:

A. Discuss using the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to produce the landscape training manual. (old item b)

The Board discussed using Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to produce the Landscape Maintenance Manual. Advisor informed the Board that this is a proper use of the funds.

The Board also discussed other options for using the fund such as a City Hall Annex native plant demonstration garden and 1801 22nd Ave North Site improvements.

B. The Sustainable SITES Initiative by R. Stowe. (old item d)

The Board discussed the Sustainable SITES Initiative which is a program administered Green Business Certification Inc. that offers a comprehensive rating system designed to distinguish sustainable landscapes, measure their performance and evaluate their values. The board then discussed having R. Stowe invite local landscape Architect Jonathan Burgess who is accredited in SITES to give a presentation at a future meeting.

Motion made by R. Stowe to invite Jonathan Burgess to present to the Board at a future meeting.

Seconded by A. Gottlieb

Yays: R. Stowe Nays: G. Powell
 D. Kerner
 D. Brown
 A. Gottlieb

C. Discuss the removal of palm trees along Lake and Lucerne Avenues and replacing the palms with shade trees. (old item d)

The Board discussed removing palm trees and replacing them with shade trees.

Advisor D. McGrew informed the Board that these roadways are under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation and that any changes would have to be approved by FDOT. The advisor also informed the Board that he spoke with the Assistant Public Services Director F. Lofaso who stated that the City was in the process of roadway improvements discussion which also includes landscape update.

D. Discuss the creation of committees for special projects. (old item f)

The board discussed creating committees for board projects.

The Advisor D. McGrew reminded the Board that any meeting of two or more members must comply with the Sunshine law and be publicly noticed, held in a City facility and must be open to the public.

The Board then discussed holding a workshop on Tree Board Projects and priorities.

Consensus was made to have a workshop on January 27, 2022 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Members to submit their suggested projects and priorities to the advisor by January 20, 2022

E. Advisement to the City Commission on Development east of the Coastal construction line. (old item g)

The Board discussed the Coastal Construction line as it relates to native planting and future improvements to the pool.

F. Landscape ordinance changes to include the protection of Listed Florida native plants. (old item h)

The board discussed ordinance changes.

The advisor informed the board that he would add this to the list of future landscape ordinance updates.

G. Discuss Tree Canopy and maintenance of unimproved roadway/utility easements used as Lagoon access areas.

The advisor informed the board that most of these areas have stormwater pipes and outfalls. And that the city will not plant or allow the planting of trees and shrubs adjacent to the infrastructure.

Old Business:

A. Beach pruning status update.

G. Powell gave the Board an update on the pruning training manual.

Meeting adjourned 8:07PM