

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

Call to order: 6:09

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

Members Absent: None

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering:

Add Agenda review meeting discussion By D McGrew as new business item A.
Add discussion of Florida State Statues governing the Coastal Construction Control Line related to native coastal habitat as new business item B. Original item A now becomes new business item C.

Public Attendance : None

Approval of minutes: November 10, 2021

Motion made by R. Stowe to table the approval the minutes to the next meeting in order for the advisor to make corrections and clarifications. Seconded by D. Brown.

Yays: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carries.

Reports: None

New Business:

A. Discussion to add agenda review meetings Via Zoom.

Advisor D. McGrew suggested the board consider have a pre-agenda meeting via zoom. Board was agreeable to the idea and tentatively scheduled a meeting for January 6, 2022 at 9 am. Advisor informed the board that he would check with the City Clerk and senior staff about holding pre-agenda meetings and get back to them

B. Coastal Construction Control Line and The Sustainable SITES Initiative by R. Stowe.

R. Stowe informed the board about the Coastal Construction Control line which was established by the Florida legislature in 1988 with enforcement by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The program was established to protect the coastal system from improperly sited and designed structures which can destabilize or destroy the beach and dune system. The board discussed sending a letter requesting that the Commission to consider the Coastal Construction Control Line and to prioritize the installation of native plants during replacement of current pool.

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 accredited in SITES to give a presentation at a future meeting.

C. Future meeting agenda items.

The Board discussed resuming the Tree Board Talks at the Cultural Plaza.

A. Gottlieb suggested providing QR codes to provide information to the public.

Possible date of February 10, 2022 with the topic "Hometown Habitat, Bringing Nature Home" an environmental documentary focused on educating about how and why native plants are critical to the survival and vitality of local ecosystems with the goal to inspire people to plant native plants.

R. Stowe will research screening options and costs.

Advisor D. McGrew will check on the availability of the Cultural Plaza, projector, screen and event protocols.

Old Business:

A. Community Outreach and Brochure.

The Board discussed ways to get tree and plant info out to residents. The consensus was that the board request that the city push out landscape information using social media and utility bill inserts. The ultimate goal is to have a landscape technical manual created, landscape and plant information on the city website, and the creation of handouts and brochures.

Motion made by G. Powell for the Board members to draft a paragraph a topic that they would like to be shared with the public for the next meeting. Seconded by D. Brown

Yays: 5 Nays: 0

Board then discussed members speaking at Neighborhood Association meeting.

Advisor D. McGrew will reach out to the City's Communication team on how to get the information out to the public.

B. Tree Complaint Tracking.

A Gottlieb will make spread sheet to the advisor to use.

C. Dune Invasive Plant Removal

The board discussed G. Powell's report and recommendations from the October 6, 2021 workshop meeting with Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management. Kevin Lasagna. The board will continue to work with staff to implement the invasive plant removal and replacement planting. G. Powell asked to board to bring any notes and/or observations to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM