



**TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

John Tamsberg, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**III. ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** John Tamsberg, Heather Hasandras, Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, Kimberly Blair Chenoweth

**Absent:** Uma Bhatti

**Staff Present:** Will Gurney (Landscape Maintenance Superintendent), Michelle Diaz (Recording Secretary), Rebecca Warner (Assistant Recording Secretary)

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 TREE BOARD MINUTES**

Kathy Siena requested a change be made under SECTION V. STAFF UPDATES, item A. RECENT PLANTING & STATUS UPDATES – WILL GURNEY, the fourth bullet point. Ms. Siena requested the wording of the bullet point be changed to “Information regarding the tree planting in partnership with the Wellington Garden Club on National Public Lands Day”.

Heather Hasandras requested a change be made under SECTION VI. NEW BUSINESS, item A. F.L.O.W.E.R. AWARD NOMINATIONS, the second paragraph. Ms. Hasandras requested the following be added at the end of the sentence, “such as inclusion in the Town Crier and in the monthly Village of Wellington website and digital newsletter”. Ms. Siena requested that a note be added to include that she volunteered to write the article for the Town Crier.

**A motion was made by Heather Hasandras, and seconded by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, to approve and adopt the September 3, 2025 Tree Board meeting minutes with corrections, unanimously passed by John Tamsberg, Heather Hasandras, Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (6-0); with Uma Bhatti absent.**

**V. STAFF UPDATES**

## **A. RECENT PLANTINGS & STATUS UPDATES – WILL GURNEY**

Will Gurney updated the Tree Board on recent plantings, projects, and miscellaneous items.

Mr. Gurney updated the Tree Board on the following topics:

- Total of 2,412 trees planted this year, exceeding last year's numbers. This amount includes: 298 trees planted with grant funding and 1,100 trees planted in partnership with Wellington Garden Club in September.
- Grant funding is being used to replace trees lost in tornado (over 500 trees from public property inventory); Wellington is currently about halfway to replacement goal.
- Installation of landscaping at the new Aquatics Center is nearing completion; scheduled to open early January.
- Discussion on the Big Blue landscape project:
  - Phase 1 adjustments are needed for line-of-sight issues at certain intersections.
  - Phase 2 plans of the Big Blue landscape project have been approved and ready to start, with limited scope of new beds and irrigation.
  - Phase 3 will be more extensive with roadway changes and median additions.
- Several diseased and/or damaged Oak trees have been removed throughout Wellington.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. F.L.O.W.E.R. AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Tree Board reviewed and discussed future nominations and the deadlines for submitting nomination forms. At this time, there were no nominations submitted.

- The F.L.O.W.E.R. Award website banner is currently live on the Wellington website.
- Kathy Siena submitted an article written for the Town Crier to the Communications department for review.
- The Wellington Chamber of Commerce will send a write-up to business members next week about the F.L.O.W.E.R. Awards.
- There was discussion on changing the photo requirements for nominations.

**A motion was made by Heather Hasandras, and seconded by Kimberly Blair Chenoweth, to update the F.L.O.W.E.R. Award Information Sheet with the discussed revisions. The motion was unanimously passed by John Tamsberg, Heather Hasandras, Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (6-0); with Uma Bhatti absent.**

## **B. UTILITY BILL INSERTS**

Tree Board discussed the flyers that are sent out with the Utility Bill inserts and discussed mailings of other brochures such as *Create a Florida-Friendly Yard*, from the UF IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscaping program.

## **VII. COMMENTS**

Kathy Siena discussed the 2026 Wellington Garden Club Garden Tour "Garden Inspirations". The event will take place on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Kimberly Blair Chenoweth discussed the possibility of Wellington having its own Rain Barrel Program.

John Tamsberg discussed concerns over code provisions in regards to native landscaping.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, and seconded by Kathy Siena, to adjourn at 3:26 PM. The motion was unanimously passed by John Tamsberg, Heather Hasandras, Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (6-0); with Uma Bhatti absent.**