



TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Evans, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 2:05 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

III. ATTENDANCE

Members present: Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, and Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano and Charles Sandell,

Members absent:

Staff present: Will Gurney (Operations Supervisor), and Cheryl Miller (Recording Secretary)

IV. STAFF UPDATES

A. RECENT PLANTINGS & STATUS UPDATES – WILL GURNEY

Will Gurney updated the Tree Board on recent plantings and provided updates on Earth Day and the Tree Seedling project. Over 3,500 seedlings given to the Schools and 250 butterfly orchids handed out at Earth Day.

Mr. Gurney updated the members of the progress at the Town Center Project and the relocation/sale of some of the trees. The Board would like to see the location of the relocated trees listed with cross streets.

Mr. Gurney stated that the crews have been busy re-grassing all of the medians on Wellington Trace with Citra Blue. Mr. Gurney mentioned ongoing projects will be the landscaping of Aero Club and Big Blue to South Shore.

V. COMMENTS

Mr. Gurney was asked about iguanas and any eradication programs Wellington has or will have in place. He stated that the crews are planting vegetation that the iguanas don't like. There is no plan to eradicate.

Mr. Gurney was asked about the private preserve that is by Wellington Elementary and if there is any way we can clean it up. The School Board owns the property and

is therefore responsible for maintaining it. Mr. Gurney will look into the possibility of the Village purchasing the property and making it a park or green space for the community.

Charles Sandell asked Mr. Gurney to explain the chemical breakdown of fertilizer to the Board. Will explained that the Village is moving towards using ZERO phosphorus fertilizer since we use reclaimed water which has nutrients already. The main nutrients in fertilizer are Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Mr. Gurney prefers and recommends Palm Fertilizer for personal yard use as it's best for the soil we typically have on personal properties.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MARCH 2, 2022 TREE BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Lisa Statmiller-Ferrano, and seconded by Kathy Siena, to approve and adopt the March 2, 2022 Tree Board meeting minutes, with corrections, unanimously passed by Debbie Evans, Charles Sandell, Kathy Siena, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, and Lisa Statmiller-Ferrano (6-0)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. F.L.O.W.E.R. AWARD CRITERIA REVISIONS

Kathy Siena presented a revised version of F.L.O.W.E.R. Award Criteria and Nomination Form. Discussion ensued amongst Board Members, particularly regarding pages 13, 14, 15. Changing the acronym to A.L.T.A. was discussed and the consensus to stay with F.L.O.W.E.R. was agreed upon.

Ms. Siena will incorporate discussed and provide an updated version for review at the upcoming meeting. The Tree Board has specifically asked the updates and revisions be included in the Agenda Packet for September 7, 2022 meeting.

The Board asked that the information for the **F.L.O.W.E.R. AWARD** be added to the Village website.

A motion was made by Charles Sandell, and seconded by Kathy Siena, to approve, with further minor revisions, the F.L.O.W.E.R. Award criteria and nomination form. The motion was unanimously passed, with Debbie Evans, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, and Lisa Statmiller-Ferrano (6-0).

VIII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Debbie Evans, and seconded by Charles Sandell, to adjourn at 2:44 PM. The motion was unanimously passed, with Kathy Siena, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, and Lisa Statmiller-Ferrano (6-0).

Approved and Adopted: _____
Signature Date

Cheryl Miller, Recording Secretary

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