



## Tree Board

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

Location: Wellington City Hall, 12300 W. Forest Hill Blvd.

Council Chambers

## Minutes

### I. Call To Order

Charles Sandell called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Observed.

### III. Attendance

#### A. Sign In Sheet

Members present: Charles Sandell, Debbie Evans, Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Richard Cosola, William Gross and Joan Kaplan.

Staff present: Brian Hopper and Chris Macfarlane.

### IV. Meeting Minutes

#### A. March 2, 2016 Tree Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion was made by Ms. Stormi Bivin, seconded by Ms. Kay Brown, and was unanimously passed by the Board, to approve and adopt the March 2, 2016 Tree Board meeting minutes.**

### V. Staff Reports

#### A. Staff Updates

##### 1. Recent Plantings & Status Updates – Brian Hopper

Brian Hopper updated the Tree Board members on recent plantings and also distributed a “Tree Planting” list which documents trees planted by Wellington since the last Tree Board meeting in March 2016.

Charles Sandell welcomed and introduced the three new Tree Board members, Richard Cosola, William Gross and Joan Kaplan.

Debbie Evans requested written information about the planting of memorial trees. Brian Hopper replied he would send her that information. Question was raised, what is the amount of the tree maintenance budget.

Brian Hopper said he would supply the Tree Board members with that information at the next meeting in September.

It was requested and agreed that Brian Hopper's article in the "Town Crier" May 27, 2016-June 2, 2016 edition be placed on the Village of Wellington's website to include a link to the University of Florida on structural pruning.

Brian Hopper reviewed the Recurring Agenda items and there were no changes to the Recurring Agenda. It was clarified by Charles Sandell that Tree Board Meetings are quarterly on the first Wednesday of the month, September, December, March and June.

## VI. Old Business

### A. Recap of Earth/Arbor Day Event

Brian Hopper updated the Tree Board with how many seedlings and plants were given away at the Earth/Arbor Day event and activities. He also advised the Tree Board how many tree seedlings were given away to local schools this year. A Tree Seedling Summary was included with the Agenda packet.

Debbie Evans requested a complete FLOWER Award list, including residents, HOA's, etc. that have been nominated but did not receive the FLOWER Award. Brian Hopper said he would bring the list to the next meeting.

William Gross asked to review the FLOWER Award process and criteria. Discussion followed explaining the acronym for the FLOWER Award is Fabulous Landscapes of Wellington Earning Recognition, along with process and criteria. Charles Sandell requested that a blank FLOWER Award form for each Tree Board member be sent. Brian Hopper said he would email the form to all Tree Board members before the next meeting in September.

## VII. New Business

### A. Election of Officers (Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson)

**Motion was made by Ms. Debbie Evans, seconded by Mr. Richard Cosola, nominating Ms. Stormi Bivin as Chairperson of the Tree Board. There being no other nominations, Ms. Stormi Bivin was elected Chairperson.**

**Motion was made by Ms. Stormi Bivin, seconded by Dr. Charles Sandell, nominating Ms. Debbie Evans for Vice Chairperson of the Tree Board. There being no other nominations, Ms. Debbie Evans was elected Vice Chairperson.**

## VIII. Comments

Joan Kaplan inquired if only members of the Tree Board can nominate a property for the FLOWER Award or whether can anyone nominate. Stormi Bivin suggested that the FLOWER Award be publicized, i.e., the "Town Crier," Village of Wellington website, and also have applications available at Public Works offices and the Wellington Library. Brian Hopper said he would inquire and advise the Tree Board members.

Question was raised as to the current status of the Beautiful Wellington Grant. Brian Hopper advised that the program has been closed and what was left in that budget was put towards the Major Thoroughfare Grant, which will increase our curb appeal on all major thoroughfares. Discussion followed regarding hedges and Debbie Evan inquired whether a resident can plant vines on the fences on the major thoroughfares. Brian Hopper replied he would confirm and advise.

Debbie Evans indicated she would like to see more maps, (OSR's and conservation areas) like the Park map, on the Village of Wellington website.

Joan Kaplan brought up the subject of mitigation in gated communities, what can be removed and what can be planted. Brian Hopper replied that he can refer Ms. Kaplan to David Flinchum in Planning and Zoning and he can address that subject.

Debbie Evans inquired whether the 2016 Comprehensive Plan will come up before the Tree Board as there are only two meetings left for the year. Brian Hopper advised that Ms. Evans check with David Flinchum.

## IX. Adjourn

**Motion was made by Dr. Charles Sandell, seconded by Ms. Kay Brown, to adjourn at 3:24 pm and motion carried unanimously.**

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Approved and Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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Date

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Chris Macfarlane, Assistant Recording Secretary