



Tree Board

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

Council Chambers

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Chairperson, Stormi Bivin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Observed.

III. Attendance

A. Sign In Sheet

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

Staff present: Brian Hopper, Chris Macfarlane and Matthew Patelsky

IV. Meeting Minutes

A. June 22, 2016 Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Debbie Evans clarified that in the June 22, 2016 Tree Board Minutes, in the third paragraph under “Comments,” with regards to maps, there was a correction. It was not a question whether the maps be on the Village website, but that what she would like to see, as a member of the Tree Board, is a map not only of the park areas, but also in easement areas where there are tree planting possibilities and also whether the Open Space Reserve is land that is owned by the Village, and also conservatory areas, so that the Tree Board could see the areas that are under the Village. Ms. Evans was referring if this information could be supplied to each member of the Tree Board. Mr. Hopper replied that all the layers of the maps are on the Village website, along with the links. It was agreed that staff would email all Tree Board members the link, in addition to several staff contacts. Mr. Hopper also informed Tree Board members that if further information was needed regarding maps, they may contact Nicole McPherson in GIS, phone number: 561-753-5261; email address: nmcperson@wellingtonfl.gov.

Motion was made by Dr. Charles Sandell, seconded by Ms. Joan Kaplan and was unanimously passed by the Board, to approve and adopt the June 22, 2016 Tree Board meeting minutes.

V. Staff Updates – Brian Hopper

Brian Hopper updated the Tree Board on recent plantings and distributed tree planting list since the June 22, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Stormi Bivin inquired about several items from the June 22, 2016 Minutes, with regards to the Town Crier article by Mr. Hopper and whether it had been placed on the Village website. Mr. Hopper confirmed that it is currently on the Village's website in the Landscape division section along with a link to the University of Florida on structural pruning. Ms. Bivin also inquired about hedges and whether a resident can plant vines on the fences on the major thoroughfares, which was a question Ms. Evans had asked at the June 22nd Tree Board meeting. Mr. Hopper replied that Mr. Scott Campbell of Neighborhood Services is the proper person to contact, phone number 561-791-4105. While Mr. Hopper did not think that vines could be planted on the fences, Mr. Campbell should be the person to contact to confirm.

Mr. Charles Sandell inquired about the hedges on the fence on Forest Hill Blvd. and whose responsibility it was to trim them back so that they do not block the sidewalk. Mr. Hopper replied that it is the resident's responsibility to keep those hedges trimmed, although for public safety the Village has been trimming them back. Code Enforcement has been checking on this so that the residents trim the hedges.

Ms. Joan Kaplan inquired whether there is a big concern as to planting trees during hurricane season. Mr. Hopper replied that we have been successful planting throughout the year.

Ms. Kay Brown pointed out that since school was out for the summer, that the grass at Wellington Elementary on Big Blue Trace has grown out nicely, also due to the "No Parking" signs and the yellow tape, which was effective. Mr. Hopper stated that the Village occasionally applies seed, but staying off the grass is best.

VI. Old Business

Brian Hopper updated Tree Board members on the funds for the Tree Maintenance budget for fiscal years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

VII. New Business

A. Flower Award Nominations

Ms. Bivin and Mr. Cosola each submitted one FLOWER Award nomination form. Mr. Hopper advised that he would email copies of the completed nomination forms to all Tree Board members so that each member could go and view the properties. It was agreed that the deadline for the FLOWER Award nominations be before the December 7, 2016 Tree Board Meeting.

FLOWER Award Nominee list was distributed to Tree Board members. Ms. Stormi Bivin advised of a correction to be made on the list: Sandy and Fred Sklat should be changed to Sandy and Fred Sklar. It was also noted that no FLOWER Award nominations were made in 2009 and 2010. Ms. Bivin advised she would double check on those years.

Mr. Hopper advised that National Public Lands Day is on September 24th this year where cities across the nation do an environmental enhancement. Volunteers will be planting Walter's Viburnum seedlings at the Wellington Environmental Preserve (Section 24). The Wellington Garden Club is invited and will be participating. Mr. Hopper invited all Tree Board members to participate and advised that he will email information to all Tree Board members.

B. Draft Commemorative Tree Program

The draft Commemorative Tree Program and form was discussed. Ms. Stormi Bivin pointed out that a correction should be made, both on the form and on the informational sheet. "Crape Myrtle" should be "Crepe Myrtle." It was agreed by all Tree Board members that suggested amount on form be \$425.00. Ms. Joan Kaplan suggested the following be added next to price: (cost to be determined by the species) and all members agreed. It was decided that Mr. Hopper would draft a new form which be included in the next Agenda packet for discussion at the December 7, 2016 Tree Board Meeting.

VIII. Comments

Ms. Kay Brown noted that she is impressed with the plantings of the trees in Wellington and all agreed. Ms. Debbie Evans discussed the invasive and toxic Rosary Pea and which was passed around to the Tree Board members. Ms. Evans also suggested that there be a brochure about invasive plants at the Earth Day event this year.

IX. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Cosola, seconded by Ms. Kay Brown, and unanimously passed by the Board to adjourn at 3:18 pm.

Approved and Adopted: _____
Signature Date

Chris Macfarlane, Assistant Recording Secretary