



## Action Summary Tree Board

*Stormi Bivin*  
*Kay Brown*  
*Richard Cosola*  
*Debbie Evans*  
*Joan Kaplan*  
*Dr. Charles Sandell*  
*Scott Wortman*

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Wednesday, October 4, 2017

2:00 PM

Village Hall - Council Chambers

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Stormi Bivin, Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Stormi Bivin, Debbie Evans, Joan Kaplan, Charles Sandell, Scott Wortman

Members absent: Kay Brown and Richard Cosola

Council member present: Councilwoman Tanya Siskind

Staff present: Brian Hopper, Operations Supervisor, Landscape Division, Chris Macfarlane, Assistant Recording Secretary, Michelle Diaz, Public Works

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A.

A motion was made by Ms. Debbie Evans, seconded by Ms. Joan Kaplan and was unanimously passed by the Board approving the Minutes of the June 7, 2017 Tree Board Meeting (5-0), with Ms. Kay Brown and Mr. Richard Cosola absent.

### STAFF UPDATES

#### A.

Mr. Brian Hopper updated the Tree Board on tree losses from the recent hurricane.

Mr. Hopper also advised that National Public Lands Day was celebrated on Saturday, September 30th at the Wellington Environmental Preserve (Section 24) with many groups of young people from Wellington, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Garden Club members, among the many

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volunteers. Approximately 750 South Florida Slash Pine seedlings were planted.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A.**

The Commemorative Tree Program form was reviewed and the Tree Board members agreed to change verbiage from "Plaque size is 4"x6" and limited to 3 lines with 10 letters or characters each, including spaces" to new verbiage, "Plaque size is 4"x6" and therefore space is limited and shall be subject to final approval by the Village."

Ms. Bivin requested that the final form be emailed to all Tree Board members.

Brian Hopper said he would email a copy of the final Commemorative Tree Program form to all the Tree Board members.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A.**

The F.L.O.W.E.R. Award form and criteria were reviewed. It was clarified that nomination forms may be submitted at any time and the nominations will be reviewed at the December 6, 2017 Tree Board Meeting.

There was discussion on the Criteria of the F.L.O.W.E.R. Award form where at the bottom it states: "Note: This award program focuses on the front yard only ...." The consensus of the Board was that the "front yard only" verbiage should be changed to "street side." This allows for a property to be included that has street side landscaping where frontage may not be visible.

#### **VI. COMMENTS**

Brian Hopper updated Tree Board members about exploring a new program involving potentially the Tree Board, the Garden Club, as well as city resources and staff to partner with local schools to get more trees planted on school campuses.

Councilwoman Tanya Siskind spoke about developing a new program with the schools and raising student awareness so that schools can become more involved. Councilwoman Siskind had several suggestions on how to have the students involved.

Brian Hopper advised the Tree Board members that when David Flinchum advises him that the Landscape Code section is ready for their review it will be emailed to all Tree Board members for their comments.

It was requested that David Flinchum come to a future Tree Board meeting to update Tree Board members on the status of the Landscape Code revisions. Brian Hopper replied that he would make the request.

**VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Scott Wortman, and seconded by Dr. Charles Sandell and unanimously passed by the Board (5-0), with Ms. Kay Brown and Mr. Richard Cosola absent to adjourn at 3:08 p.m.

**NOTICE**