

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting **Of the Windermere Tree Board** **May 17, 2012**

Mission Statement: Increase community awareness of our Urban Forest, provide education regarding the benefits of trees and a commitment to protect, preserve and proliferate our community's Urban Forest.

Call To Order

Joan Foglia called the regular public meeting of the Windermere Tree Board to order in the Windermere Community Room, 118 W. Fifth Avenue, Windermere, FL 34786, at 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2012, due to Chairman being in Gainesville for the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in Gainesville on behalf of Windermere Historic Preservation Board.

Attendance

Tree Board Members present at the meeting were: Joan Foglia, Susan Carter, Joe Stephanie Rodriguez. Also present was town Council Liaison Richard Gonzalez. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers appeared via telephone conference.

Welcome-Joan Foglia welcomed members of the Committee.

Announcements-It was announced that Trees Florida Conference & Trade Show, June 10-12, 2012 will be held at South Seas Island Resort, Captiva (Ft. Myers), Florida. Online Conference Registration closes June 1, 2012. The best way to keep up-to-date on arboriculture continuing education is by attending Trees Florida 2012. Network and build relationships to take arboriculture business and Urban Forestry programs to the next level.

- Education program featuring national speakers
- The latest in tree and arboriculture research, science, entomology and legal issues.
- Enhance tree care technical skills at the Outdoor Tree School
- The latest equipment and technology at the Trade Show
- ISA certification exam on Sunday
- Silent auction sponsoring the Tree Fund for tree research
- Speaker luncheon
- Continuing Education CEUs from ISA, FNGLA, SAF, and others

Minutes Approval

April minutes were approved and filed electronically to rsmith@town.windermere.fl.us, aclick@town.windermere.fl.us, dburkhalter@town.windermere.fl.us.

Long Range Goals

The Tree Board continued to work on plans and recommendations for multiple income streams, sustainable fundraising and tree planting partnerships so Windermere Tree Board is not solely dependent on Town Funds for matching grant funds for U.S. Government, Division of Forestry Grants and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Forestry Grants.

BUSINESS

Report: Earth Day Clean-Up Butler Bay Park, April 22, 2012 and Rain Date May 5, 2012 9-3

-Clean up occurred with Coordination between Tree Board and Parks and Recreation Volunteers – 15 Volunteers-
Total Volunteer Hours May 5, 2012 - 80.5 Hrs

- 1/3 Exotic Invasive Brazilian Pepper, Chinese Tallow, Chinaberry and Vines removed from Retention Pond.
- Thank you letter to Waste Pro for Donated Roll-Off was Requested from Town Manager Robert Smith
- Insurance covered by Town, Safety Briefing Done, No accidents.
- Water and Snacks provided by Tree Board-First Aid, Tools, Wheelbarrows, Gloves Provided by Tree Board

-It was the recommendation of Tree Board that Phase 2 of the Butler Bay Clean-Up be scheduled for June 16, 2012 to continue efforts to remove exotic invasive trees and plants out of the Park. Richard Gonzalez volunteered to ask Town Manager Robert Smith to arrange for roll-off from Waste Pro to remove brush and debris.

Park Avenue Trees Status Report

Mulch dumped and spread. Water bags need to be removed and poles removed at next Butler Bay Clean-Up. Continued watering of trees necessary during drought on non-rain weeks.

Windermere Tree Ordinance:

Work on Proposed Tree Ordinance with changes from LSU Professor Dr. Buck Abbey continues. Upon request from Town Council Liaison Richard Gonzalez re: documentation needed to substantiate proposed ordinance changes, Power Point presentation has been prepared and is ready to go for Town Council presentation.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: June 21, 2012, Third Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. I hereby certify these are the minutes of Windermere Tree Board as recorded.

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Chairman Windermere Tree Board

May 17, 2012

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