

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting
Of the Windermere Tree Board
June 21, 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

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers 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 June 21, 2012.

Attendance

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

Welcome-The Chairman welcomed members of the Committee.

Announcements-Chairman Schretzmann-Myers gave a report on her attendance at Trees Florida Conference & Trade Show, June 10-12, 2012 held at South Seas Island Resort, Captiva (Ft. Myers), Florida. The Chairman attended continuing education programs featuring national speakers; the latest in tree and arboriculture research, science, entomology and legal issues; enhanced tree care safety and technical skills at the Outdoor Tree School; and latest arboriculture equipment and technology at the Trade Show. Continuing Education CEUs from ISA, FNGLA, SAF, and others were offered.

Minutes Approval

May 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

2012-2013 Proposed Tree Board Budget

-Treasurer Joan Foglia prepared a proposed budget for the 2012-2013 year for Windermere Tree Board which will be sent to Town Manager Robert Smith for approval by Town Council at upcoming July budget meetings.

Community Service Clean-Up Butler Bay Park, June 16, 2012

-June 16, 2012, community service clean up was completed with coordination between Tree Board and Parks and Recreation Volunteers. Seven volunteers consisting of Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Craig Bouldin, Laura Myers, Sarah Myers, Joan Foglia, Donna Steele and Richard Gonzalez completed work for **Total Volunteer Hours: 36.0**
-Work consisted of removal of exotic invasive Brazilian Pepper, Chinese Tallow, Chinaberry, Cat's Claw Vines and Caesar Weed from south side Retention Pond.
-Insurance covered by Town, Safety Briefing Done, No accidents.
-Water and Snacks provided by Tree Board-First Aid Kit, Tools, Wheelbarrows, Gloves Provided by Tree Board
-Thank you letter to Waste Pro for Donated Roll-Off will be sent out by Tree Board Chairman Schretzmann-Myers.

Future Butler Bay Park Community Service Clean-Up Dates:

It was the recommendation of Tree Board that Phase 3 and 4 of the Butler Bay Clean-Up be scheduled for June 5, 2012 and July 14-15, 2012 to continue efforts to remove exotic invasive trees and plants out of Butler Bay Recreation Park. Counsel liaison Richard Gonzalez volunteered to ask Town Manager Robert Smith to arrange for roll-offs from Waste Pro to remove brush and debris for future clean-up dates.

Park Avenue Trees Status Report

Re-fillable drip irrigation Gatorbags and Ooze Tubes were removed and support poles removed from stable trees after June 16, 2013, clean-up by Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Joan Foglia, Donna Steele, Laura Myers and Sarah Myers with use of Town pick-up truck. Trees were weeded and mulched but will need more weeding in future as summer rains regenerate weed growth. The drip irrigation bags will be cleaned and recycled for reuse on future tree planting projects in Windermere.

Windermere Tree Ordinance:

Tree Board continued work on Proposed Tree Ordinance changes.

Next Meeting

There will be no July meeting as committee members will all be out of town on vacation. Next Windermere Tree Board meeting will be moved to 4th Thursday, August 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m. due to last week of vacation before school starts.

Adjournment

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

THERESA SCHRETZMANN-MYERS

Chairman Windermere Tree Board

June 21, 2012

Date

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