

# Windermere Tree Board

## TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2019

*Mission Statement: Augment 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. Beautification of our Windermere Parks and Recreation Areas.*

Tree Board Members: Susan Norris-Carter (Chairman), Frank Krens (Secretary), Jacqueline Rapport, Leslie Brabec, and Debra Neill

Town Manager: Robert Smith

Town Council Liaison: Chris Sapp

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** WTB Chair, Susan Carter, called the regular WTB meeting to order at 5:04pm at Windermere Town Hall. It was attended by four of the five Tree Board members:

- Susan Carter, Chair
- Frank Krens, Secretary
- Jackie Rapport
- Leslie Brabec

Other Attendees: Chris Sapp, Town Council Liaison; town resident, Brandi Haines

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Jackie Rapport made a motion to approve the September regular meeting minutes and the Treebute Subcommittee minutes as written. Frank Krens seconded and they were approved 4/0.

**4. OLD BUSINESSPROJECT UPDATES** – Chairman, Susan Carter provided updates:

- a. **The Willows** – Plans to remove problematic trees are continuing as planned.
- b. **Treebute Update** – Members provided updates on sponsor and vendor outreach and commitments. Orange County Forester, Dana Sussmann committed \$200 to sponsor tree purchases. Dana has a new email address: [danasussmann@FDACS.gov](mailto:danasussmann@FDACS.gov).
- c. **Tree Classes Update** – The November tree class date was confirmed as Saturday, November 9, at 10am in the Town Hall.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Tree Struck by Lightning in Town Square** – The WTB members observed a vertical split in the bark, along approximately 12-ft of the trunk. Susan Carter said that an arborist told her that the would may be survivable, but that it may need to be trimmed. Susan offered to send photos and a note to Public Works.
- b. **Multi-modal Path IPO Tree Impact** – This topic was deferred pending issuance of a draft IPO.
- c. **Next Treebute Subcommittee Meeting** – Oct 30, 2pm

**6. ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:09pm

- **Next Regular Meeting Thursday November 21, 2019 at 5:00pm**