

Windermere Tree Board

TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 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 meeting of the WTB to order at 5:04pm at Windermere Town Hall. It was attended by all five Tree Board members:
 - Susan Carter, Chair
 - Frank Krens, Secretary
 - Jackie Rapport
 - Leslie Brabec
 - Debra Neill

Other Attendees: Brandi Haines

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Brandi Haines expressed concern that road work associated with the planned storm-water control project may result in significant loss of trees. She recommended that the Tree Board monitor the project.
3. **PROJECT UPDATES** – Chairman, Susan Carter provided the following updates:
 - a. **The Willows** – Eric from Legacy Forestry is inspecting the laurel oaks in the community and will provide a report.
 - b. **Lake Bessie** – No progress, but the Lake Bessie area will be included in the planned tree survey associated with the storm-water control project.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Budget for Treebute** – The attached draft budget was discussed in detail. Jackie Rapport made a motion that the marked-up version be recorded as a working version, for continued refinement and with several not to exceed entries and with the intent to obtain sponsors for several of the items. Items in question include the cost of the Avian Reconditioning exhibit, the Climbing Wall, and the cost of trees from the nursery. WTB will pursue sponsorship for several high-cost items. Leslie Brabec seconded, and the working draft was approved 5/0 with the above caveats.
- b. **Tree Budget Approval** – Approval of the tree list, pricing, and budget is planned for completion prior to the November WTB meeting.

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- c. **Request for Sales from Windermere Garden Club** – The Garden Club will sell coffee and dessert as a vendor.

5. **SCHEDULE NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING** – Scheduled for Wednesday September 25, 11am at Town Hall.

6. OTHER

Susan Carter presented plans for Orange County Forester Dana Sussmann to teach forestry classes prior to the Treebute. Residents taking the classes will receive priority in selection of the tree(s) that they adopt. Dana has offered to teach two sessions. Debra Neill made a motion to select the following dates, times, and locations. Leslie Brabec seconded and the following were approved 5/0s:

- Saturday November 9, 2019 at 9am at Town Hall
- Saturday January 11, 2020, at 10am in the Library

Susan Carter offered to set up invitations and registration through EventBright.

7. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

- **Next Regular Meeting Thursday October 17, 2019 at 5:00pm**