

THE TOWN OF
Windermere



TOWN OF WINDERMERE TREE BOARD

Committee Members

Chair: Susan Carter

Secretary: Frank Krens

Jackie Rapport

Leslie Brabec

Pam Schrimsher

Town Council Liaison: Bill Martini

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10:00 am

May 20, 2021

TOWN HALL

520 Main Street

Windermere FL 34786

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AGENDA

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.

1. Meeting is called to order: 10:00 am
2. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes)
 - a.
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. April Minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. Central Park: progress
 - b. City Nature Challenge: report
5. New Business
 - a. 500 Block Project: understanding what is at stake
 - b. Rules on tree removals, cypress trees in or near lake
6. Adjourn

MINUTES - DRAFT

Windermere Tree Board **April 15, 2021**

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. Beautify our Windermere Parks and Recreation Areas.

Tree Board Members: Susan Carter (Chairman), Frank Krens (Recording Sec.), Jacqueline Rapport, Leslie Brabec, Pamela Schrimsher
Town Liaison: Bill Martini

1. **Call To Order** - Chairman Susan Carter called the regular meeting of the WTB, as an in-person meeting, with a quorum present at 10:15 am in the Town Hall on April 15, 2021.

Tree Board Members present were: Susan Carter, Jackie Rapport, Leslie Brabec, Pamela Schrimsher, and Frank Krens. Town Council liaison Bill Martini, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, and Public Works Foreman Travis Mathias were present.

2. **Public Comment** - None
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Jackie Rapport made a motion to approve the February 2021 Minutes with a correction to the presenter's name, Leslie Brabec seconded and they were approved 5/0.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Central Park Landscape Plan: Tree Planting Project Dates** – Susan Carter presented updates on installation of irrigation, tree pricing and availability, and the need for volunteers to participate in a workday to plant the smaller trees. After discussion, Thursday, April 29 was agreed on for the bigger trees and May 1 for the smaller trees.
 - b. **“City Nature Challenge Orlando Metro”** – Susan Carter provided a reminder of this upcoming program and provided flyers for WTB members to distribute to local businesses and groups. Susan noted that a training session will be provided for those interested in participating. Our goal is to upload 200 observations.

The following program description, part of the March minutes is included here for Reference:

This is a nature-based program intended to connect people with nature, collect data on species diversity, and have fun. The program involves observation, identification, and reporting of diverse plant and animal species. The program is implemented via a mobile App and motivated through a friendly competition among cities and towns throughout Orange and surrounding counties. During April 30 through May 3, 2021, participants take photos in their neighborhoods, upload them, with the "location" feature on, to the online iNaturalist application. Participants are encouraged to identify the species they photograph, and to encourage others to participate.

5. New Business

a. 500 Block Project – Susan Carter noted the importance of early Tree Board participation in the development review process as it pertains to the large number and high value of potentially affected trees on the property. She stated that a respected arborist is working with the developer. Bill Martini noted that the arborist may be retained for updates and to address potential issues during the project. Susan provided copies of the detailed project schematic which includes a list of trees on the property. Bill Martini stated that three town workshops are planned to provide resident information and to solicit comment.

6. Adjourn – Frank Krens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leslie Brabec seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.