

MINUTES - Approved

Windermere Tree Board **January 25, 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. Beautification of our Windermere Parks and Recreation Areas.

Tree Board Members: Susan Carter (Chairman), Frank Krens (Recording Sec.), Jacqueline Rapport, Leslie Brabec.
Town Liaison: Liz Andert

1. **Call To Order** - Chairman Susan Carter called the regular meeting of the WTB, as an in-person meeting, with a quorum present at 10:02 am on the Town Hall back porch on January 25, 2021.

Tree Board Members present were: Susan Carter, Jackie Rapport, Leslie Brabec, and Frank Krens. Town Council Liaison, Liz Andert, was present.

2. **Public Comment** - None
3. **Approval of Minutes** – The November 2020 Minutes were approved with revisions to include information not intelligible via Zoom during the hybrid meeting.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Updates -**
 - (1) **Replacement Oak at 7th and Brick Main** – In discussion it was agreed that Public Works should confirm the suitability of the location recommended by Stephen Withers. Jackie Rapport made a motion to move forward with tree selection and verification of the location. Leslie Brabec seconded, and the motion passed 4/0.
 - (2) **Central Park Landscaping Plan** – Susan Carter reviewed current plans for 17 new trees at Central Park. Plans have been a coordinated effort among the Tree Board, Parks & Recreation, and the Garden Club. Cost is to be borne by Tree Board, assuming sufficient funds are available. Susan noted that she will participate in the Parks & Recreation Workshop at Central Park at 2:30pm January 27th and that Parks & Recreation wants to approve the location of each tree to be planted. Susan noted that there are two mature oaks at Central Park that are in decline and may need to be removed. If so, the plans may need to be revised. Susan noted that WTB should purchase high grade trees to avoid quality issues with previous plantings. Final tree selection and further coordination with Parks and Recreation and Garden Club will be done after verification of funding availability.

5. **New Business**

- a. **Recap of Arbor Day Tree Giveaway** – Members shared their impressions, and that of others that the event went extremely well. All agreed that elements of the approach should

- be included in future events. Given high demand for understory trees, including Simpson Stoppers, and fruit and flowering trees, there was general agreement to provide more of those in the future. There was also general agreement to continue keeping the tree giveaway separate for the Treebute festival. As the climbers are not expected to participate next year, we may want to include new attractions and do some research into what other towns do.
- b. New Member Application** – Susan distributed copies of WTB applicant, Pamela Schrimsher. After discussion, Jackie Rapport made a motion to recommend Town Council approval. Susan Carter seconded, and the motion carried 4/0.
 - c. Crepe Myrtles in Beds in Front of Town Hall** – Susan Carter said that Town Manager Robert Smith agreed for WTB to plant two Crepe Myrtle trees in front of Town Hall. Jackie Rapport made a motion to proceed pending availability of funding. Frank Krens agreed and the motion passed 4/0.
6. **Adjourn** – Jackie Rapport made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Krens seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04am.