

MINUTES - Approved

Windermere Tree Board **March 24, 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.
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 10:04 am on the Town Hall back porch on March 24, 2021.

Tree Board Members present were: Susan Carter, Jackie Rapport, Leslie Brabec, and Frank Krens. Town Council Members, Bill Martini and Andy Williams, and Public Works representative, Travis Mathias, Interim Public Works Director, were present. Town Manager, Robert Smith, and presenter Christianah Oyenuga participated via Zoom.

2. **Public Comment** - None
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Jackie Rapport made a motion to approve the February 2021 Minutes with one minor correction, Leslie Brabec seconded and they were approved 4/0.

For the convenience of the presenter, Old Business was deferred till after her presentation.

4. **New Business**
 - a. **“City Nature Challenge Orlando Metro”** – Christianah Oyenuga described 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.

WTB members committed to participate and promote the program.

5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Updates**
 - **Central Park update & planting project** – Susan Carter presented pricing from two sources: (1) Dobson - \$8750 to procure and plant the 21 trees agreed upon by WTB and

Parks & Recreation. (2) McKeithen - \$1925 to provide the 21 trees only. After discussion, Frank Krens made a motion to buy the 21 trees from McKeithen and for WTB to plant the trees with support from Public Works and volunteers. Leslie Brabec seconded and the motion carried 4/0. WTB will also provide the watering tree diapers, mulch, and soil improvement. Planting is targeted for the third or fourth week of April.

6. **Adjourn** – Leslie Brabec made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Krens seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.