

MINUTES

Windermere Tree Board March 25, 2022

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 a special meeting of the WTB, as an in-person meeting, with a quorum present at 10:06 am in the Windermere Public Works Conference Room on March 25, 2022.

Tree Board Members present were: Susan Carter, Jackie Rapport, Leslie Brabec, Pam Schrimsher, and Frank Krens. The quorum requirement was met. Town Council liaison Bill Martini, and Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, were present.

2. **Open Forum / Public Comment** – None

3. **New Business**

- a. **Approval to purchase Greehill Software for Urban Forest Management and Planning program at a cost of \$1 per tree, in an amount not to exceed \$9,999.**

Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore provided an overview of the opportunity and ran a promotional video that describes the many features and benefits of the product. The Greehill Software uses LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and provides a highly digitized and streamlined approach to urban forest management, at far lower cost than other approaches.

Under the offer, Greehill would drive through the entire 2.2 square miles of the Town of Windermere, photographing, scanning, and modeling an estimated 5,000 – 10,000 trees.

Using vehicle-mounted sensors, the Greehill system rapidly photographs and scans large areas, collecting and processing data to generate 3-dimensional digital models of trees. Tonya said that the software identifies their locations, species, dimensions, shape, age, health, and weakest point. Resulting models are accessible, searchable, usable, and updatable by Town staff. Models are colorized and include overhead views. The models would guide attention to individual trees and support overall urban forest planning and diversification. A re-do / update every three years might be appropriate.

Tonya stated that our subscription to the product would be an introductory use in the U.S. by Greehill, a European company. As such, Greehill is offering the Town of Windermere a very attractive price. A timely decision would lock us in at \$1 per tree.

Pam Schrimsher made a motion for approval to purchase Greehill software and services at a cost of \$1 per tree up to \$9,999. Leslie Brabec seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

4. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00am.