

Town of James Island
Tree Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12th, 2021, 4:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Garrett Milliken (Environment & Beautification Committee Chair), David Tomblin (Appointed by Dan Boles), Amy Fabri (Appointed by Troy Mullinax), Paul Cantrell & Jenny Welch (Appointed by Cynthia Mignano), Kathy Woolsey (Appointed by Mayor Woolsey), Robin Hardin. Absent Member: Tony Zerega

Meeting commenced at 4:32 pm

I. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Mrs. Woolsey. Second by Ms. Hardin.

Motion carried

II. Purchase of Canopy Award Sign

Chairman Milliken has not received a pricing from Island Signs regarding the committee's proposed design. Mrs. Woolsey stated the circular design should be abandoned and a standard shape for the sign should be used. Mrs. Woolsey made a motion to buy a standard sign. Motion failed.

Mrs. Woolsey stated that she would work with an online sign company to find pricing and bring to the committee in February.

III. Update on Tree Interns

Mark Johnson will interview 6 candidates. There was a last minute addition to the candidate pool. The Chairman asked Mr. Johnson to share the candidate's resume with the committee. Mr. Johnson said he would send to Chairman Milliken for distribution to the committee for review.

Chris Girard (arborist) and Mr. Johnson would train the interns on town rules of safety and use of the GeoThing software.

IV. Rules for correspondence & communications

Chairman Milliken asked members of the committee to not "reply all" in email communications to avoid constituting a quorum. He asked to please direct communications to the member of the committee or to him.

V. Update on recommended tree

No action.

VI. Arbor Day Planting

Jenny Welch and Kathy Woolsey attended the Arbor Day event at town hall. Boy Scout Troop 88 planted the two trees on the grounds.

The Tree City USA sign was unveiled.

VI. For the Good of the Order

Mrs. Woolsey initiated a discussion of trees planted at the middle school. She stated the importance of soil quality and that trees should not be staked. Her observation was the landscaper hired to landscape Camp Road Middle School did a poor job. She discussed best planting practices.

Chairman Milliken suggested that the town's comprehensive plan incorporate her suggested best planting practices in the land use section. Discussion with Ms. Kellahan on if this was possible since the plan was currently undergoing the 5- year plan review. Ms. Kellahan stated the planning commission had already referred the updates to town council for a vote.

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:00 pm

Next Meeting is February 9th , 2021 at 4:30 pm.