

Town of James Island
Tree Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, 4:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Garrett Milliken (Environment & Beautification Committee Chair), David Tomblin, Paul Cantrell & Jenny Welch, Robin Hardin and Amy Fabri. Kathy Woolsey (absent)

Meeting commenced at 4:30 pm

I. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Motion carried

Comments prior from the Chairman reiterating the founding document of the tree committee and the mission of the group.

II. Canopy Award Sign

Amy searched online and found a couple of shapes that may work for the tree sign. She will get pricing and availability for next month.

III. Update on Tree Survey

Making great progress on the tree survey.

IV. Dominion Contract

There ensued a long discussion of the Dominion contract and current events in the town by Dominion ground crews. Discussion of Dominion's contract requiring community notification. Only one notification is sent, but Dominion continues to send back crews multiple times for additional cutting without additional notices.

Discussion of sending out a press release the town's decision to sue Dominion for breach of contract. Should we contact the media and alert them on Dominion's continued "bad faith" with the town?

V. Arborist Contract

Request by the council to hire a local arborist. Ms. Kellahan said the town has contracts with 3 arborists, but only one responds.

VII. Review of TOJI Tree Ordinance- deferred

VIII. Tree Seedling Update

The Cub Scout troop planted 70 seedlings at Pickney Park

VII. For the Good of the Order

Paul Cantrell asked about adding pecan and loquat trees to our tree list. It seems the current tree list is comprised of smaller trees. It was suggested a large tree list be compiled. David Tomblin stated he already has a large tree list and he will distribute to the group.

Adjourned at 5:14 pm. Next meeting is May 11th at 4:30 pm.