

Town of James Island
Tree Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, 5:30 PM
Town of James Island Meeting Room

Members Present: Garrett Milliken (Environment & Beautification Committee Chair), David Tomblin (Appointed by Dan Boles), Amy Fabri (Appointed by Troy Mullinax) & Paul Cantrell (Appointed by Garrett Milliken).

Absent Members: Kathy Woolsey (appointed by Mayor Woolsey), Jenny Welch (appointed by Cynthia Mignano) and Ashley Kellehan (Town Administrator).

Meeting commenced at 5:40 pm

I. Welcome & Introductions

Discussion of Zoom versus in person meetings. Consensus was for Zoom meetings.

II. Consideration of Minutes

Motion to approve May meeting minutes made by David Tomblin and second by Paul Cantrell. Motion carried.

III. James Island Arboreal Management Program Proposal

Discussion of program. Chairman Milliken asked committee members to review current proposal and provide input on the document by the next meeting.

The Chair made a motion to defer voting on the program proposal. David Tomblin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Update on Tree Census

Town Council passed the purchase of the Geo Thing software. The tree layer component will be included in the software. At this time, only town staff will be trained on how to use the software.

V. Tree City USA Application

TOJI was granted Tree City USA status as of 2019. Many thanks to Paul Cantrell for crafting the application and submitting it for approval.

Tree City USA presentation planned for Arbor Day 2020 (1st Friday of December).

VI. Review of the Dominion Energy Contract

Discussion of current contract with Dominion and their performance during the James Island tree trimming.

Would like to see a county-wide contract negotiated with Dominion Energy. Chairman will discuss with Town Administrator to craft a plan for a county-wide negotiation for next year.

Addition of a subsection in the tree ordinance for utility easements.

VII. Revision of Resolution “Tree Advisory Council”

The Tree Advisory Council resolution was revised to add 2 “Members at Large” be appointed.

The resolution also corrects the name of the Tree Advisory Council as ordained by the naming protocols for Town of James Island citizen councils and appointed commissions.

Motion made by Amy Fabri to send revision to council for their approval. David Tomblin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. Recommended Tree List

Suggested adding a link to the town’s website on native species tree list for public information purposes. Discussion of adding photos of native trees and linking to Clemson Extension’s website for more information.

For the good of the order:

Tree of the Quarter Award

Quarterly award recognizing a great tree or care of trees for residential and non-residential town members. Recognize each award recipient quarterly with a photo on the town website, a plaque and a gift card to Hyams (if they will donate a gift card).

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:45 pm