

Town of James Island
Tree Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 10, 2020

5:30 pm, James Island Town Hall

Members Present: Garrett Milliken (Environment & Beautification Committee Chair), Paul Cantrel (appointed by Garrett Milliken), David Tomblin (Appointed by Dan Boles), Amy Fabri (appointed by Troy Mullinax), Jenny Welch (appointed by Cynthia Mignano), Mayor Woolsey has not made a nomination for this committee yet.

- I. Members introduced themselves and made brief statements regarding their interests in trees and the committee.
- II. Review of Ordinance that established the Tree Advisory Committee by Town Council
- III. Discussion of Goals and Objectives
 - a. Goal of fulfilling the criteria for the Town to be a “Tree City USA”
 - i. Need to meet with Town Administrator to get estimate of tree costs for the application. Garrett Will do this. Paul will help with the application
 - b. Need for a Mission Statement and the content thereof was discussed. David agreed to draft a statement that includes reference to Public safety, sustainability, ecology and also an educational component.
 - c. The need of a tree survey of town trees in right of ways was also discussed. Garrett and Mark Johnson will present ideas related to this survey at our next meeting.
 - d. The idea of recognizing citizens and businesses that do exemplary work on trees/landscaping with an award was also discussed and David was going to find examples of other municipalities who have this type of recognition.
 - e. The Town Tree Ordinance will be reviewed as well as ordinances from other municipalities in an effort to protect more species of trees and promote the planting of endangered tree species. Amy will initiate this process.
- IV. Committee members were encouraged to share information with all members as we find preliminary information and draft foundational principles via email. Our next meeting dates are:
 - a. February 11 at 5:30
 - b. March 10 at 5:30
- V. Adjournment 7:00pm

Submitted by Garrett Milliken (acting secretary)

Approved 2/11/2020