



Town of James Island
Minutes of Trees Advisory Council
Tuesday, September 13, 2022; 4:30 P.M.

Attending:

Tree Council Members: Garrett Milliken, Robin Hardin, David Tomblin, Jenny Welch, Paul Cantrell, Kathy Woolsey; absent: Amy Fabri

Town Staff: Kristen Crane, Mark Johnson, Flannery Wood

- I. Approval of Minutes from August, 2022. Accepted as amended with addition of Paul Cantrell to attending list.
- II. Canopy Award- Nomination of Ginkgo Tree near corner of Birchdale & Foxcroft. Unanimous agreement to make award. GM will contact homeowners and inform Tree Council as to when the award will be made.
- III. Tree Replacement Program for TOJI right of ways. (Mark Johnson is working to get SCDOT to remove some dangerous trees from right of way. Replacement tree species will be planted with respect to presence of power lines with understory trees under lines and canopy trees in open spaces.
- IV. Recommended Tree List/Planting Guide

The following guide was proposed for adoption to provide residents guidance regarding planting appropriate trees to appropriate locations. K.Crane will contact authors to see if an editable version could be acquired that suites our lowcountry growing zone.

<https://www.treesupstate.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Urban-Tree-Specification-Guide-11-9-09.pdf>

- V. Tree seedling program update/Distribution plan. From 5-7 pm 10/12 there will be a Public Works Expo/ water quality event at Town Hall will allow the Tree Council to distribute trees to residents. GM & RH will attend, any other tree council members are welcome.
 - a. Community Outreach; Scouts. GM will notify Tree Council when a Saturday is identified to meet cub scouts at Pinkney Park to plant acorns. All are welcome.
- VI. 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day plans

- a. Up to \$2000 was approved for purchasing Trees for planting in December. Some of these trees will be planted at Pinkney Park, some at Town Hall and some on Town right of ways as replacement trees. Some suggested vendors are John Smoak Nursery, Roots & Shoots, and Auckland Nursery.
- VII. For the good of the Order- DT raised concern over the spraying of herbicides by Dominion Energy in right of ways and near the marsh. The Tree Council expressed concern over this and Mark Johnson said he would look into this with his sources at SCDOT.

Adjourn at 5:10 pm