

Town of James Island
Minutes of Trees Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023; 4:30pm

Attending:

Tree Council Members: Garrett Milliken, Kathy Woolsey, Julie Hallman, Jenny Welch, Paul Cantrell. David Tomblin, Robin Hardin; Absent: Amy Fabri
Town Staff: Kristen Cane, Mark Johnson, Flannery Wood

- I. Approval of Minutes from November, 2022: There are no Minutes to approve
- II. Election of Officers: David Tomblin, President; Kathy Woolsey, VP; Robin Hardin, Secretary
- III. Goal Setting for 2023:
 1. Plant more street trees to shade hard surfaces, e.g. asphalt roads and sidewalks, using the tree inventory to assist with locations;
Kathy Woolsey suggests planting trees in August, rather than October, for maximum rainfall. She also recommends hiring a professional to plant the trees and, for better protection of the new trees, to see if property owner is willing to have tree on their property vs. in. the right of way
 2. Put tree purchases into the Town's budget. Kathy Woolsey suggests asking for \$10,000 above the current Tree Fund;
 3. Identify potential locations to improve tree health and environment. Both Mark Johnson and Garrett Milliken are concerned about sight lines, health of individual trees and clearing vines;
 4. Work on creating a Large Tree List. David Tomblin and Kathy Woolsey will head this effort.
- IV. Canopy Award Nominations: David Tomblin has identified a tree on Darwin that looks like a Magnolia and would be nice to award when it's blooming. Tulip Magnolia and Red Bud trees are both good understory trees to award right now. No decision was reached on a particular tree to award..
- IV. Care and maintenance of ROW TOJI trees
- VII. 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day Report: Garrett Milliken reported a very successful Arbor Day on Friday, December 2, 2022. "A bunch" of trees were planted and paid for by the James Island Pride account. The 1st Friday in

December 2023 will be the next Arbor Day.

VIII. For the Good of the Order:

The Town is working on it's new website and the suggestion was made to use the website to alert folks to be vigilant about identifying the Asian Longhorn Beetle as it continues to plague lowcountry trees, especially Maples.

Garrett Milliken asked Kristen Cane what she thought about the strength of TOJI's Tree Ordinance. She has some ideas that she will present to us at a future meeting.

Mark Johnson is working with Clemson to present a seminar that will be open to the public, Dealing with Stormwater on Residential Properties.

The next meeting of the TOJI Tree Council will be Tuesday, March 14, 4:30pm at James Island Town Hall.