

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting Of The Windermere Tree Board May 5, 2010

Mission Statement: Increase community awareness of our Urban Forest, provide education regarding the benefits of trees and a commitment to protect, preserve and proliferate our community's Urban Forest.

Call To Order

The regular public meeting of the Windermere Tree Board was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on May 5, 2010, by Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, in the Windermere Community Room, 118 W. Fifth Avenue, Windermere, FL 34786.

Attendance

Members present at the meeting were: Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Jim O'Brien and Joan Foglia.

Announcements

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers announced Windermere Tree Board's application for the Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant ranking results showed Windermere ranked #8 out of 34 applicants in Zone 2 on the grant approval list. See website rankings at:

http://www.fl-dof.com/forest_management/fm_pdfs/FHI_grant_approved_applicants_April2010.pdf

Minutes Approval

April minutes were approved pending corrections and were filed electronically to cbernier@town.windermere.fl.us, aclick@town.windermere.fl.us, awallenhurst@town.windermere.fl.us, dburkhalter@town.windermere.fl.us.

Business

Goals

The Tree Board continues to work on plans and recommendations for multiple income streams, sustainable fundraising and sustainable tree planting partnerships so they are not solely dependent on Town Funds for Federal matching grants for U.S. Government, Division of Forestry Grants.

2010 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Program

Forest Health Improvement Initiative grant written by Theresa Schretzmann-Myers and Joan Foglia ranked high, 8 out of 34 applicants in Zone 2. This grant does **not** require 50-50 matching funds from the Town of Windermere and would fund up to \$18,780 for reforestation of trees in the towns public right-of-ways along Park Avenue from Tryon Place to Butler Boulevard on the south side under the power lines. This grant does require a signed Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Windermere. Tree Board volunteers committed to grant writing, grant accountability management and keeping OozeTubes watered around young trees for first 120 days. Grant funding includes a trailer for placing a water tank on for watering in the trees during the first 120 days.

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers and Joan Foglia completed the 2010 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant and will be meeting with Cecelia Bernier, Amy Wallenhurst in May regarding grant application Memorandum of Agreement to be placed on Town Council Agenda.

It was the recommendation of the Tree Board Committee that the Town Council approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Forest health Improvement Initiative Grant.

Butler Bay/Crescent Reserve HOA Arbor Tree Planting

Status of Trees: Good. Forty-five trees are surviving well and being watered in with OozeTubes. Butler Bay/Crescent Reserve HOA Volunteer Coordinator and Rep. Lorraine Brugnoli and Theresa Schretzmann-Myers

coordinated HOA and Windermere Tree Board volunteers for supervision and tree planting of Arbor Day Trees on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Approximately 45 Florida Native trees were purchased from Windermere Tree Board and planted on Crescent Reserve HOA berms along Park Avenue where the Crescent Reserve HOA lost a great deal of their tree canopy during the hurricanes. Tree Board Chairman Theresa Schretzmann-Myers taught the tree planting seminar and supervised the group with Lorraine Brugnoli. Volunteers from Butler Bay/Crescent Reserve HOA, Boy Scouts and Tree Board volunteers volunteered for this planting of Arbor Day Trees. HOA provided purchase of trees, tree planting labor, OozeTubes, hoses and volunteer watering for keeping young trees watered in.

Next Regular Monthly Public Meeting Dates

Next regular meeting date is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010, at 7:15 p.m., in the Community Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. I hereby certify these are the minutes of the Windermere Tree Board as recorded.

THERESA SCHRETMANN-MYERS

Chairman
Windermere Tree Board

May 5, 2010

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