



Town of Holly Springs

Tree Advisory Committee

Minutes: *February 14, 2022*

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Agenda Item 1: ROLL CALL

The Tree Advisory Committee met on Monday, February 14, 2022 online via zoom at 6:05 P.M. when quorum was established.

Members Present: Rachel Woods, Vice Chair
Ginny Suever
Russell Lichtenstein

Members Absent: Kelly Oten, Chair
Amanda Bowden, Secretary

Ex-Officio

Members Present: Adam Orsak
Aaron Wolff
Tony Mcdermott

Ex-Officio

Members Absent: Christine Kelly
Thomas Urquhart
Len Lloyd

Staff Present: Chris Hills
Cheryl Caines
Brett Gosney

Others Present: None

Agenda Item 2: Agenda Adjustment

No agenda adjustments

Agenda Item 3: New Member Introduction

Russell Lichtenstein introduced himself to the committee.

Agenda Item 4: Minutes

January 10th minutes will be voted on at the March meeting to allow for more members to be present.

Agenda Item 5: Tree City USA

- No new business

Agenda Item 6: Street Tree Replacement Program

Mrs. Woods asked for an update on the program.

Mrs. Caines stated that most of the people that trees were awarded to have been planted and reimbursed with one planting having in the next week.

Mrs. Woods stated that she does not think they came near the budget with the number of trees planted. Do we have an amount that is left over and can it be used before the end of the fiscal year at the end of February?

Mrs. Caines stated that there was about \$15,000 used and they would have to be careful about using the funds before the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Hills stated they want to be careful about using the funds for anything other than the street tree replacement program.

Mrs. Woods asked why this was a no business item when they have not used all of the funds with worry about having funds reduced by Town Council

Mr. Wolff stated that Town Council will not reduce funding because there has not been enough time to establish the program.

Mrs. Woods stated that it seems like this year was unsuccessful and they should have thought ahead.

Mr. Wolff stated that it may be best to come up with a contingency plan for if they do not use all of the funding next year and have it ready to present to Town Council when the program is originally approved.

Mr. Lichtenstein asked about the program and where he could gain more information regarding it with specifics about the February deadline.

Mrs. Caines explained the reason for the deadline with tree survival and described the street tree program.

Agenda Item 7: Tree Standards & Guidelines

- No new business

Agenda Item 8: Arbor Day & Education Events

- a. Tree Planting (January 22 canceled)
 - Tree planting was cancelled due to inclement weather two weeks in a row and the tree needed to be planted. The instructor did volunteer to come back at a different time for the demonstration.
- b. Tree Pruning (February 26)
 - A location is still needed for this event. Mrs. Suever will be the TAC representative for this event. Mrs. Caines will provide an update on the location once it has been set.
- c. Arbor Day (March 19)
 - a. Tree seedlings- number & type?
 - Mrs. Woods stated that the hollies were popular and that previously she has not had trouble handing out the oaks. Possible 25-30 larger trees to hand out as well.
 - Mr. Lichtenstein asked about the success rate of these trees and Mrs. Caines state there is not any information available on this.

- The Committee discussed which trees would be the best to have.
- b. Track My Tree Seedling Map
 - Mrs. Caines stated people can sign up to track their trees.
- c. Mascot Naming
 - There still needs to be a volunteer to be the mascot.
- d. Volunteer Sign ups
 - i. Farmers Market (9-12)
 - ii. Tree Planting at Hunt Center – 11
 - The Committee discussed having student volunteers for the events.
 - The Committee also discussed other items to give away at the event.
 - The Committee discussed the logistics of the event.

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

The next Tree Advisory Committee meeting will be March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Brett Gosney
TAC Clerk