



Town of Lake Park, Florida

Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

Brady Drew	—	Chair
Gillian Kennedy Wright	—	Vice-Chair
Shana Phelan	—	Board Member
Mary Beth Taylor	—	Board Member

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:11pm

PRESENT

Chair Brady Drew

Vice-Chair Gillian Kennedy Wright

Board Member Mary Taylor

ABSENT

Board Member Shana Phelan

SELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

1. Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair

Motion to select Brady Drew as Chair and Gillian Kennedy Wright as Vice-Chair made by Board Member Taylor, Seconded by Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright.

Voting Yea: Chair Drew, Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright, Board Member Taylor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Drew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. March 13, 2025 Special Call Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Board Member Taylor, Seconded by Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright.

Voting Yea: Chair Drew, Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright, Board Member Taylor.

Chair Drew stated for the record that last year the Board had recommended to plant either a palm tree in the swale or a shade tree inside the park and what ended up being implemented was a palm tree inside the park. He requested that moving forward the Tree Board's recommendations be properly implemented.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board decided to hear item 4 first.

4. 2026 Arbor Day Ceremony Tree Selection

Special Events Director Riunite Franks provided a summary of the item.

Chair Drew read into the record the written comments submitted by Board Member Phelan (Exhibit B). The Board discussed the options and decided the park location would be best. They selected a Gumbo Limbo tree in that location.

Motion to plant a Gumbo Limbo Tree in Bert Bostrom Park for the Arbor Day Ceremony made by Board Member Taylor, Seconded by Vice Chair Kennedy Wright.

Voting Yea: Chair Drew, Vice Chair Kennedy Wright, Board Member Taylor.

3. Town-wide Swale Restoration Initiative and Request for Tree Board Collaboration on Right-of-Way Tree Inventory

Special Events Director Riunite Franks announced that Public Works Director Jaime Morales would not be able to be in attendance to present this item. She read the material to the Board (Exhibit C). Chair Drew read into the record the written comments of absent Board Member Phelan again as it pertains to this item (see Exhibit B again). The Board discussed the item and all stated they would like more detailed information and also to possibly apply ratings and procedures incrementally. The Board agreed that they would like to do a tree inventory first and then move on to the next steps. Board Member Taylor suggested they begin with Park

Avenue. Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright suggested including a residential area at the same time. Chair Drew spoke about options for rating trees and methods of inventories. The Board stated that they are open to working with Public Works on the tree inventory and would like to see some sort of permit process for what can be planted in the swale beginning with one block as a pilot inventory.

Motion to support the Public Works Department's development of a town-wide right of way and swale tree inventory and to direct the Tree Board to collaborate with staff on inventory standards, species guidance and community education tools with periodic updates provided to the Tree Board as the work progresses made by Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright, Seconded by Board Member Taylor.

Voting Yea: Chair Drew, Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright, Board Member Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time is provided for addressing items that do not appear on the Agenda. Please complete a comment card and provide it to the Agency Clerk so speakers may be announced. Please remember comments are limited to a TOTAL of three minutes.

NONE

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

-Board Member Taylor requested to know when the next meeting would be and also requested that Public Works Director Morales be present. Special Events Director Franks advised that the Clerk's Office would reach out to them with the next meeting date.

-Chair Drew stated that he is looking forward to the Arbor Day Celebration.

STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Board Member Taylor, Seconded by Vice-Chair Kennedy Wright.

Meeting adjourned 6:44pm

FUTURE MEETING DATE: The Tree Board Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026.

Chair

Deputy Town Clerk, Laura Weidgans

Town Seal

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2026