



MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
TREE & LANDSCAPE BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 -- 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL AND RECORDING OF ABSENCES: Present were: Diane Brown, Ginny Powell, Priscilla Hallowell and Donna Kerner. Also present: Scott Rodriguez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORDERING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Adding to Old Business: Sustainable Yard Series, Beach Report and Beach Entrance; Possibility of Tree Restoration funding tree supports for Champion Specimen trees; Planter boxes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. May 14, 2026 Summary Minutes

Motion: G. Powell moves to accept the May 14, 2026 minutes; P. Hallowell 2nd.

Vote: Ayes all, unanimous.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

REPORTS: ADVISOR, CHAIR, COMMITTEE(S), AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Discussion regarding loss of large Banyan Tree with a 438" circumference. The shame is that the property owner only needed a six (6) inch diameter tree to replace that tree. Staff mentions the percentage of health of the tree determines what the replacement will be (mitigation, fee in lieu of etc.)

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Tree Giveaway with Community Greening

Two examples have been provided to consider. Members would like to ensure sufficient publicity. The added contributions lessened the costs in the previous examples; one example provided fruit trees which were slightly more expensive.

When: November. 100 natives and 50 fruit trees. October should be the latest to solidify the event however the cost estimate for the trees should be provided as soon as possible.

Location: Cultural Council – Leisure Services and Community Greening should be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sustainable Yard Series – G. Powell -November, December or early January are possible dates dependent on speaker availability. The library conference room may be available. Tree care and maintenance would be the first topic. G. Powell will contact the speaker; D. Kerner will contact the Library. Future topics were briefly mentioned.

Staff: The City Attorney will be present at the July meeting to discuss the Sunshine Law. A question about appreciation for Marta and Paul (Smarty Plants) arose.

Beach Report- **Staff:** Suggestion to have Stuart Sword – Interim Leisure Services Director present for the discussion and possibly Jamie Brown and/or Mina Tawadros from Public Works.

The Tree Board commissioned a report by Lisa Hammer (primarily dealing with maintenance) to correct the landscaping at the beach. Public Works may have paid for the report. Maintenance seems to be the issue. Scot Ropp came to some of the meetings with Dave McGrew but nothing came of it, plans were never executed. Is there any possibility that trees could be put in the parking lot?

A decision was made to start the discussion and take the initial steps.

Restoration Fund – Tree Supports – Can the fund be utilized to assist those owners with specimen or champion trees, with trimming/removal and/or maintenance fees? They would need to meet a means test. Board members disagree; staff concurs that is not the intent of the fund.

Planter Boxes with ferns; maintained by the LWB Garden Club – tile work is falling off. Diane Brown to follow up. Lack of irrigation is a problem

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3-minute limit) None

ADJOURNMENT 7:00 PM