

**The City of Lake Worth Tree Board**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
March 16, 2023

**Call to order:** 6:15

**Members Present:** D. Kerner, G. Powell, D. Brown and G. Timor

**Members Absent:** None

**Agenda additions, deletions, reordering:** None

**Public Attendance:** None

**Approval of minutes:** Tabled to next meeting

**Reports:** G. Powell provided a report on the Beach landscape inspection and report. She also informed the board that she met with the City Horticulturist at the beach property to map the invasive plants that are in the dune. The beach report will be provided to the board.

**New Business:**

**A. Artificial turf, rock and mulch**

1. The Board reviewed the previously disapproved artificial turf ordinance and discussed the pros and cons of allowing artificial turf to be installed.

Motion made by D. Brown and seconded by G. Timor to prohibit artificial turf in the City of lake Worth Beach.

Prior to the vote the board discussed adding language to the ordinance stating that Artificial turf is prohibited.

Amended motion made by D. Brown and seconded by G. Timor to prohibit artificial turf in the City of lake Worth Beach and to add language to the ordinance that- Artificial turf is prohibited.

AYES: D. Kerner, G. Timor, and D. Brown.

NAYS: G. Powell

Motion carries.

2. The Board then discussed code section 23.6.1 (c) (1) (e) -All other lots areas not covered by driveway or structures shall be planted with living groundcover or other approved materials.

Motion made by G. Powell and seconded by G. Timor that a sentence be added to the end this section - See section K for other approved materials.

AYES: D. Kerner, G. Powell, D. Brown and G. Timor

Nays: None

3. The Board discussed code section 23.6-1 (k) (10) Groundcovers

Motion made by G. Timor and seconded by G. Powell to change the word ~~turf~~ to grass and to strike the last sentence -~~All groundcover areas must be kept free from weeds.~~

AYES: D. Kerner, G. Powell, D. Brown and G. Timor

NAYS: None

4. The Board discussed code section 23.6-1 (K) (12) Organic Mulches  
G. Timor made a motion to add to the following sentence - No more than fifty (50) percent of a front or side street setback or yard may be comprised of mulch independent of living plant materials. Including but not limited to shrubs, shrubs and groundcovers. Trees and palms shall not count towards this requirement.
5. The Board discussed code section 23.6-1 (K) (12) Organic Mulches  
Motion made by G. Powell and seconded by D. Brown to combine the organic and inorganic code sections in to one section with the same plant requirements.

AYES: D. Kerner, G. Powell, D. Brown and G. Timor

NAYS: None

**Old Business:** Tabled to next regular meeting

**Adjourned:** 7:50 PM