

Meeting Minutes
Tree Committee
December 15, 2020

In attendance:

Dennis Winterringer, Chairman Tree Committee
Bob Seaborn, Member Tree Committee
Pam Richardson, Member Tree Committee
Frederic Kahler, Member Tree Committee
Anita Grove, City Commissioner

The committee adopted without revision the last month's meeting minutes.

Dennis reported he is willing to oversee the planting of the six live oaks at Battery Park on or about January 11th by Tallahassee Nurseries. The trees were donated anonymously by a resident of Apalachicola. The committee agreed an article should be prepared and submitted to the "Apalachicola Times." Pam Richardson agreed to write and present the article.

The City Manager has an open invitation to attend the Tree Committee meetings. He attended one meeting after proposing a revision of the Tree Ordinance to City Council. Dennis spoke to remind the Commission that a revision required the complete process for change of a city ordinance. The Commission did not adopt the revisions proposed.

Discussions and drafting of the revisions are on hold until the committee meets with the City Manager.

Kevin Newell, Code Enforcement Officer has agreed to provide the Tree Committee with monthly data on the trees permitted to be removed to include numbers, size, species and Restoration Fund fees collected. To date information has not been provided to the committee.

Dennis has completed the 2020 Tree City USA and submitted it to the Arbor Day Foundation on December 10, 2020. Next year Mr. Newell will prepare and submit the application with the committee providing information on its activities.

On December 8, 2020, the City Commission appointed Frederic Kahler to the Tree Committee. Mr. Kahler suggested the Tree Committee should make an effort to educate the public on the value of trees, including reaching out to young people in hopes they will in turn inform their parents of the beauty and value of trees.

Submitted by: Robert Seaborn