

**City of Apalachicola Tree Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**March 22, 2023, at 3 p.m.**  
**Battery Park Community Center**

1. Expected attendees.

Sam Berkheiser, Committee member,  
Anita Grove, City Commissioner,  
Pam Richardson, Committee member,  
Rebecca Stafford, Committee member, and  
Dennis Winterringer, Committee chairperson and preparer of summary for this meeting.

2. Summary of Committee's February 22, 2023, meeting (Winterringer).

The Committee approved without revision the draft summary of the February 22, 2023, meeting.

3. Landscaping plan for Lafayette Park (all).

Mr. Winterringer has been regularly conversing with Parks and Recreation Committee members on several Lafayette Park maintenance projects that are being funded in part or in total by Historic Apalachicola Foundation (Marie Marshall).

- Painting the gazebo;
- Removing crepe myrtles embedded in circular walkways around the gazebo (already done), patching of those holes with bricks, and smoothing sections of the walkways where bricks are uneven;
- Rocking the parking area near the playground; and
- Replacing wooden ties in parking areas with granite coping.

In cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Tree Committee has agreed to develop a landscaping plan for planting new trees and landscaping around the gazebo and the Avenue B entrance.

As a first step, Mr. Davis is preparing a digital map showing park boundaries and existing features such as walkways, the gazebo, and trees. He is close to finishing the digital map.

Once the map is finished the Committee will discuss and reach consensus on what the plan will entail before preparing a specific plan.

4. Board of Adjustment (BOA) granting of variance for new house at 10 6<sup>th</sup> Street to save patriarch live oak (Winterringer, who is on BOA).

The property owners at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Avenue (10 6<sup>th</sup> Street) proposed to move the existing house to another location and build a larger new house into the front setback so as to not have to trim a large limb on a patriarch live oak, which could eventually kill it.

At its March 15, 2023, hearing, BOA granted the variance.

5. Tree cutting at Chestnut Street Cemetery.

At the Apalachicola Area Historical Society's request, the City is hiring Tree Help LLC to remove:

- Nine trees that are a danger to fall and hurt people or damage grave monuments, fences, and utilities and
- Two sabal palms that are apparently infected with lethal bronzing disease.

This work has not yet been scheduled.

7. Next meeting.

April 18, 2023, 3 p.m., at the Battery Park Community Center.