

**City of Apalachicola Tree Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**June 15, 2021, 3:00 pm**  
**Battery Park Community Center**

1. Expected attendees.

Anita Grove, City Commissioner,  
Joe Richey, Code Enforcement Officer, and  
Dennis Winterringer, Committee chairperson and notetaker for this meeting.

2. Draft summary of Committee's May 18, 2021, meeting (prepared by Mr. Seaborn).

The Committee adopted without revision the draft summary for the May 18, 2021, meeting.

3. Framed painting delivered to tree donor.

Mr. Winterringer delivered the framed painting to the Battery Park tree donor. She was surprised and appreciative. She asked Mr. Winterringer to thank Mr. Kahler for the painting and Mr. Richey for the frame.

4. Tree permits issued under the revised Tree Ordinance.

Mr. Winterringer has reviewed paper copies of tree permits that Mr. Richey has been able to find for the time period starting on May 16, 2019, when the revised Tree Ordinance went into effect.

Mr. Winterringer is tabulating the:

- Number of tree permits issued,
- Number of trees by species and size that were permitted to be removed, and
- Money collected for the Reforestation Fund.

The purpose of collecting this data is to understand the species and sizes of trees that are being removed over time in the City limits (most of them permanently) and the amount of money in the Reforestation Fund that can be used to plant trees on City property (parks, squares, and street rights of way) to partially mitigate this tree loss.

Not included in the permits that Mr. Winterringer has thus far reviewed are permits that the Planning and Zoning Board issued in conjunction with its approval of building site plans during the time period September 2019 through October 2020. The Board may have issued about 20 tree permits during this time period. Tammy Owens, EPCI employee who processes the Planning and Zoning Board applications, has agreed to look for these permits and to provide copies of them to Mr. Richey.

In response to a question from Mr. Richey, there should be in the Building Department files separate tree removal applications that accompany the site plan proposals.

5. Code Enforcement Officer.

For May and June of this year, Mr. Richey recorded in a table the number of trees permitted for removal and fees collected (application (\$400) and Reforestation Fund (\$950)) for the eight permits that were issued.

6. Next meeting.

Owing to lack of activity, the Committee will not meet in July.

The next meeting will occur on August 17, 2021, at 3 p.m.