

**City of Apalachicola Tree Committee
Meeting Summary
August 10, 2023, at 3 p.m.
Battery Park Community Center**

1. Attendees.

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

2. Summary of Committee's July 18, 2023, meeting (Winterringer).

The Committee approved without revision the draft summary of the July 18, 2023, meeting.

3. Lethal bronzing disease – public meeting (Davis).

Mr. Davis is coordinating with Lynn Wilder and Erik Lovestrand, University of Florida Extension Service Agent, to hold a meeting to educate the public about the disease.

The Extension Office meeting room is available all days during the last 2 weeks of September except for the 26th. Committee members are to contact Mr. Davis about their availability during this time period.

Meeting announcements will be prepared for the Apalachicola Times, Oyster Radio, and the City's Facebook page.

4. Landscaping plan for Lafayette Park (Berkheiser, Davis, and Stafford).

At last month's meeting, the Committee discussed the detailed landscaping plan developed by Ms. Stafford and the tree planting plan developed by Mr. Berkheiser. It was agreed to break up the plan in phases with the first phase to focus on tree planting throughout the park, landscaping around the gazebo, the Avenue C entrance to the gazebo, and the south-facing bank slope along the bay.

Committee members discussed the aforementioned parts of the first phase and agreed on the tree species and locations where individual trees will be proposed to be planted. Mr. Berkheiser will enter this information on the park map and e-mail it to Committee members.

The Committee will present the plan to the Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC) at PRC's August 17, 5:30 p.m. meeting in the Holy Family Center. The time allotted for the presentation will probably be 15 minutes.

5. Next Tree Committee meeting.

September 19, 2023, 3 p.m., at the Battery Park Community Center.