

City of Apalachicola Tree Committee
Meeting Summary
4/19/22, 15:00
Battery Park Community Center

1. In-Attendance:

- Bob Seaborn – Committee Member
- Dennis Winterringer – Committee Chair
- Pam Richardson – Committee Member
- Scott Davis – Committee Member

2. Summary of Committee’s March 15th. 2022:

The Committee adopted without revision the draft summary for the March 15th, 2022, meeting.

3. Review of discussion regarding laurel wilt and lethal bronzing disease:

A general discussion regarding the biology of these diseases was discussed. Pam, Dennis, and Scott schedule times to discuss drafting articles for the public.

4. Discussion Regarding Unpermitted Removal of Patriarchal Live oak on Shadow Lane:

Dennis and Tammy visited the property (Owned by Doug Lawrence) to evaluate the tree and found that a \$25,000.00 fine was warranted. The property owner is contesting the determination made by the City, and will appeal the decision with the City Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board.

5. Discussion Regarding Chestnut Cemetery Resource Assessment and Management:

- Per Dennis, 171 trees within the property were assessed by an arborist regarding their qualities and maladies.
- Dennis subsequently assessed these trees and determined that imminent removal was warranted for 4 of the assessed trees.
- Discussion occurs regarding tree options for the Chapman oaks at the cemetery, which are of potential significance. Two-primary mitigation options were discussed:
 - Option 1 – steel-reinforced “arborist hardware.”
 - Option 2 – careful removal of tree and management/production of new tree via management of root suckers and or cuttings.
- Discussion about “Chess” Cemetery, and if there is a historical basis for this word usage
- Discussion about if chestnuts were ever planted at the cemetery
- Discussion about reaching out to Duke Energy or associated contractors about partnering to remove/fund trees
- Discussion about utilizing labor alternatives that are not inmates due to past-issues related to over-removal of desirable vegetation

6. **Next Meeting:**

May 19th, 2022, 15:00 at the Battery Park Community Center.