

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
TREE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday June 24, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held on the above date at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 2056 Middle Street. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Milton Langley, Nathaniel Robb and Adele Tobin.

Members of the public present: Property owner of 2302 I'On Avenue.

Staff members present: Joe Henderson, Director of Planning/Zoning Administrator and Jessica Gress, License and Permit Technician.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Robb called the meeting to order and stated that the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law and a quorum of Board Members were present. There were no known members of media present.

Ms. Tobin made a motion to amend the agenda by adding 2302 I'On Avenue to item three items for approval. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Tobin made a motion to approve the March 25, 2019 and May 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:**

1908 I'On Avenue: Ables Landscapes, applicant, requested approval to remove one Category 1 laurel oak measured at 20" dbh (diameter at breast height) in accordance with Zoning Ordinance §21-162. B. (Application for relocation, removal and replacement). (TMS# 529-09-00-008)

Mr. Henderson stated that the applicant requested to remove a 20" DBH laurel oak located along the eastern property line. The tree appears to have a substantial lean however no risk/hazard assessment has been submitted by a certified arborist. Mr. Henderson stated that a tree protection plan was proposed in this application and the applicant is proposing to replant 26" for the removal of the subjected tree and a 6" live oak in close proximity.

The Commission members were ok with the removal of this tree.

Mr. Langley made a motion to approve the tree removal with the replacement of 5 inches of a protected specimen tree with no additional payment to the tree fund. Ms. Tobin seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

2302 I'On Avenue: New Leaf Landscape Construction, applicant, requested to remove a 19" pine tree, 16" pine tree, 12" pine tree, 19" and 16" hackberry tree, and a 20", 14" and 4" cedar tree. (Application for removal and payment to the tree fund) (TMS# 529-10-000-05)

Mr. Henderson stated after completing an onsite inspection, it appears that several of these trees are located on the public right-of-way. Mr. Henderson believes the only trees that the commission members could grant removal for would be the two pine trees in the size of 19 and 16 inches located on the rear of the property located on the Middle Street side. If the hackberry trees are located on private property, the Tree Commission can grant approval of removal. Mr. Henderson stated all trees under 16 inches are not in the per view for the Tree Commission because this can be approved at staff level.

The Commission members were ok with the removal of the 16- and 19-inch pine trees and the 16-inch and 19-inch hackberry trees are the hackberry tree is located on private property.

The applicant stated that there are survey markers on site which show that the hackberry trees are located on private property. Mr. Henderson responded by stating that there was no tree survey submitted with this tree removal application. A tree survey will be required to determine that the hackberry trees are located on this property.

The property owner of 2302 I' On Avenue expressed his frustration with the Tree Commission submittal process.

Mr. Langley made a motion to approve the removal of the pine trees with payment to the tree fund and the removal of the hackberry trees with the condition that they are located on private property. Mr. Robb seconded this motion. Ms. Tobin did not vote. Motion passed 2-1.

IV. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

Tree Commission review procedure for Category 1 trees: Review of Article XVII of the Zoning Ordinance related to removal of Category 1 trees.

Mr. Robb submitted a Tree Commission draft guideline worksheet (Exhibit one).

Mr. Robb stated that the documented submitted is a starting point to create a list of specific guidelines to be put in place for an applicant when applying for a tree removal request. Ms. Tobin made the recommendation that if a pool is to be installed trees are required to help with drainage. Mr. Robb asked the commission members to review this list and add any other items the commission members feel necessary.

V. ADJOURN: Ms. Tobin made a motion to adjourn at 5:58 pm. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.



Nathaniel Robb, Chairman



Date

Milton Langley, Vice-Chairman

Date