

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

TREE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 25, 2018

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

Staff members present: Joe Henderson, AICP, ISA Certified Arborist and Jessica Gress

- I. **Call to Order:** Milton Langley called the meeting to order and stated that the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law and all Commissioners present. There were no members of the public or media present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda – Commission made no changes to the Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Milton Langley stated that the approval of the March 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes would be moved to the July Tree Commission Meeting when more Commissioners could be present.

IV. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

1. **2608 Atlantic Avenue:** Brett Elrod, applicant, requested approval to remove one Category 1 pine tree with a 22" dbh (diameter at breast height) per Zoning Ordinance Section 21-162. B. (Application for relocation, or removal and replacement) (TMS# 529-10-00-031)

Joe Henderson stated that the applicant is requesting the removal of a 22" pine tree located in the footprint of a proposed swimming pool (currently unpermitted). The Commission inquired if there was a proposal for new construction. Henderson explained that the footprint for a new addition and swimming pool had been presented to staff but no permits had been issued. Henderson commented that the tree is in healthy condition and presents no signs of decline. The applicant proposed a mitigation plan including the following: twelve (12) 2" Eastern Red Cedars and replacement of two (2) Sable Palmettos.

Mary English made a motion to approve the removal of the Category 1 pine tree with a 22' dbh (diameter at breast height). Adele Tobin seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

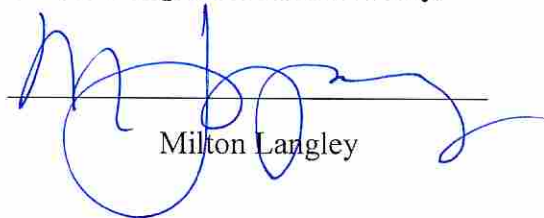
V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Tree Commission Application and Procedure Update:**

Henderson stated that the Town has never had a “Tree Commission Application,” and has to date only used a Tree Removal Application to convene the Tree Commission. Due to the Town’s new permitting software system (BSA), an applicant can now apply for a tree removal request online, no longer needing the paper tree removal form. With this system, the applicant would not be required to complete a paper application if the removal can be approved at staff level. The Tree Commission Application will now be used only for applicants needing approval for removing Category 1 trees. **Following a review of the new application, Adele Tobin made a motion to approve the new Tree Commission Application. Mary English seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adele Tobin stated that she is still very concerned about the Pine Tree located on Station 17 that the Commission recommend for removal in 2017. Henderson stated that this tree is located in the SCDOT ride-of-way and requested that SCDOT place the tree on their removal priority list. Staff is still awaiting approval. Henderson stated that the Town could contact SCDOT again regarding the removal and if the Town does not receive a response within a certain time frame, Town staff could possibly move forward with the removal by using tree funds. The Commission urged staff to move forward with the inquiry and to proceed with the removal in the event that the DOT is unable to do the work.

Adele Tobin made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 5:26 p.m. Mary English seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.



Milton Langley