

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
TREE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held on at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Donovan Glassburn, Derek Wade, and Nathaniel H. Robb Jr.

Members of the public present: No members of the public were present.

Staff members present: Joe Henderson, Director of Planning/Zoning Administrator and Jessica Gress, Licensing 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 Commission Members were present. There were no known members of media present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Glassburn made a motion to approve the December 20, 2021, Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wade seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed.

III. **TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:**

2730 Middle Street: Kevin and Tracy McDearis, applicants and owners, request approval to remove one Category 1 bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) of 16" in diameter at breast height (DBH). Request is in accordance with Zoning Ordinance, Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement). (PIN #529-07-00-065)

Mr. Henderson stated that this item was removed from the agenda.

IV. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

Tree Campus k-12 Recognition: Consideration of recognizing Sullivan's Island Elementary School as a Tree Campus K-12.

Mr. Henderson stated that this program is a spin off of Tree City USA. Mr. Henderson stated that this program would be delegated through the Elementary School. Mr. Henderson stated that the following are a list of requirements to participate in the Tree Campus program:

1. Tree Campus team (a teacher/leader, students and could include members of the public).
2. Develop an education plan (provided by the School).
3. Hands on component (a hands-on project that the students could participate in)
4. Arbor Day observance

Mr. Henderson suggested that the Tree Commission members allow for funding to be given to the school to allow for this program to be implemented. Mr. Henderson also suggested that the Commission members could propose certain projects to implement to assist with the "hands on component" requirement.


Mr. Wade suggested proposing using the wooded area behind the school as a project for the children to create a small nature hike and to identify different tree species throughout the area.

Mr. Henderson suggested a letter be drafted to give to the school as a way of presenting this option to them and to let them know that the Town would provide the funding for this program.

Mr. Robb suggested that an on-site meeting be requested to discuss details of this program with the school.

All Commission members were in favor of the program and were willing to provide funds from the tree fund account to assist with the program.

- V. **ADJOURN: Mr. Glassburn made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wade seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.**



Nathaniel H. Robb Jr., Chairman



Date