

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
TREE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held 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, Mark Miller, Derek Wade, and Nathaniel Robb.

Members of the public present:

Staff members present: Charles Drayton, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Jessica Gress, Licensing and Permit Technician. Joe Henderson, Deputy Administrator.

- 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 THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2022:** Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the November 28, 2022 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2023:** Mr. Glassburn made a motion to approve the March 27, 2023 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Miller seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:

2524 Middle Street: Gerald J. Benoit requested removal of a Category 1 pecan tree of 20" in diameter at breast height (DBH). This request is being made in accordance with Zoning Ordinance, Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement) (PIN #529-06-00-008)

Mr. Drayton stated that the applicant requested to remove a Category 1 Pecan tree 20" in diameter in breast height. Mr. Drayton stated that the canopy of the 20-inch pecan tree appears to be roughly 900 square feet, which appears to be healthy and spreads across the central area of the parcel. Mr. Drayton stated that despite the tree's deficiencies as described by the arborist, staff feels this is a healthy tree and would flourish with proper care and maintenance, and if the Tree Commission favors allowing its removal after consideration of the arborist's report, then consider the Tree Commission's tenets regarding size, location, and canopy density and require the removal with full mitigation.

Mr. Benoit presented his application to the Board.

No public comment was made.

Mr. Robb reminded the Commission members to consider the consideration for removals which are as follows:

1. Size, form age
2. Species
3. Location
4. Canopy density
5. Mitigation plan

The Board felt that even though the tree looks healthy the applicant presented reasons to justify the removal of this pecan tree.

Mr. Robb made a motion to grant the removal of the pecan tree provided that the applicant submits a full mitigation plan for this removal. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. Motion passed 3 to 1. Mr. Wade opposed.

1307 Middle Street: P. O. Mead requested removal of a Category 1 live oak tree of 22" in diameter breast height (DBH). This request is being made in accordance with Zoning Ordinance, Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement) (PIN #523-07-00-102).

Mr. Drayton stated that the applicant requested a Category 1 live oak tree 22" in diameter in breast height. Mr. Drayton stated that the canopy of the 22-inch live oak appears to be roughly 500-600 square feet. Mr. Drayton stated that the owners plan to apply for a historical ADU special exception and build a new primary dwelling unit on the property, and this tree is located within the buildable area and would not survive. Mr. Drayton stated that staff recommended allowing the removal of the tree with full mitigation due to the constraints based on the site constraints and the tree's deficiencies as described by the arborist, which would likely worsen during site development.

Mr. Phil Clarke, applicant representative, presented the application to the Commission members.

No public comment was made.

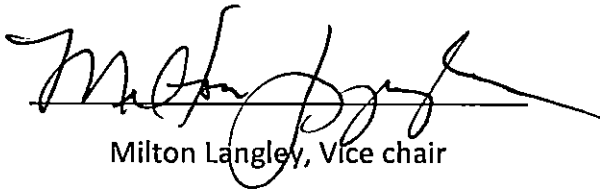
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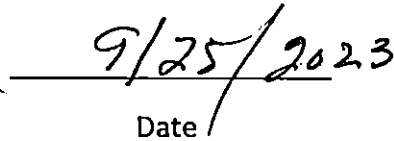
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7. Species
8. Location
9. Canopy density
10. Mitigation plan

The Board was in favor of the application presented.

Mr. Glassburn made a motion to grant the removal of the live oak tree provided that the applicant submits a full mitigation plan for the removal. Mr. Miller seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN: Mr. Robb made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.


Milton Langley, Vice chair


Date