

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
TREE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2024**

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, Madeleine McGee, and Milton Langley.

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

Staff members present: Charles Drayton, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Jessi Gress, Licensing and Permit Technician.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Langley 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 JANUARY 22, 2024:** Mr. Glassburn made a motion to approve the January 22, 2024 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Ms. McGee seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

III. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:

2118 I 'On Avenue: Dane Derbyshire, of D4 Partners, requested removal of two trees: a healthy, Category 1 oak tree of 21" in diameter at breast height (DBH), and a healthy, category 1 pine tree of 19" in DBH. This request is being made in accordance with Zoning Ordinance, Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement) (PIN #529-09-00-022).

Mr. Drayton stated that Ms. McGee will be recusing herself from this application and for that reason there is not a quorum to discuss this application so it will be deferred until the March 2024 Tree Commission meeting.

1730 Atlantic Avenue: R. Carter Helms, of Charleston Tree Company, requested removal of a category 1 oak tree of 22" in DBH. This request is being made in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement) (PIN# 523-12-00-042)

Mr. Drayton stated that the applicant requested the removal of the 22" oak tree. This tree was trimmed by Dominion Energy and due to this trimming, it has caused a decline in the tree and for this purpose the tree should be removed.

Mr. Drayton stated that Town staff recommended the removal of the oak tree with no mitigation or tree fund payment required.

Mr. Jimmy Dye, property owner, presented his application to the Commission.

No public comment was made.

The Board was in favor of the tree removal.

Mr. Glassburn made a motion to grant the approval to remove the oak tree with no mitigation required. Ms. McGee seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.


IV. SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TREE FUND:

Mr. Drayton stated that the Town has received a grant to conduct a tree canopy mapping grant provided by the Green Infrastructure Center and the South Carolina Forestry Commission. Mr. Drayton presented the presentation to the Commission provided by the Green Infrastructure Center.

Mr. Drayton provided an update on Arbor Day informing the Commission of the following:

- Mr. Jeff Jackson will be conducting a nature walk through the Maritime Forest.
- There will be a band playing at the event.
- Mr. Doug Talley will be conducting a Webinar on native plantings in landscape design at the April 22, 2024 Tree Commission meeting.
- Most likely eastern red cedars will be given to the public at the event.

V. ADJOURN: Mr. Glassburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Ms. McGee seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Miller, Chairman



Date