

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND  
TREE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 22, 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 Mark Miller, Donovan Glassburn, Madeleine McGee, Milton Langley and Derek Wade.

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. Miller 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 DECEMBER 18, 2023:** Mr. Milton made a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 Tree Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Glassburn seconded these motions. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:**

**2850 Marshall Boulevard:** Mr. Troy Ripley, Yardworks, requests removal of a healthy, Category 1 water oak tree of 17" 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 #529-11-00-089).

Mr. Drayton stated that this is a healthy live oak tree, not a water oak as the survey indicates, and it poses no substantial hazards. The applicant is expressing the desire to remove the tree to allow space for an addition and a swimming pool. Staff recommends that if the Commission grants approval for the removal of this tree that they articulate a specific mitigation plan that fully compensates for the loss.

Mr. Ripley presented his application to the members.

**No public comment was made.**

The Commission members were potentially in favor of the application presented that the applicant provide some sort of plan or layout to show where the buildable area is on the lot to determine if the removal of the tree was necessary.

**Ms. McGee made a motion to defer the application presented provided that the applicant come back with a landscape plan showing the proposed addition and/or swimming pool and to provide a mitigation plan for the inches to be removed. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.**


**IV. SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TREE FUND:**

Mr. Drayton stated that the request for trees to be planted at the pump stations on Sullivan's Island is not an option per the Water and Sewer department head, Greg Gress. Mr. Drayton stated that they have received approval to move forward with the planting of the magnolia tree along the lots on Station 17.

The Commission members suggested planting live oaks along the property lines of the tree town owned lots on station 17, potentially one tree at the corner of each property line on the Middle Street and Thompson sides.

Mr. Drayton responded by stating that it would be a nice idea but asked the members to wait on making any sort of decisions on this discussion until they are able to get the magnolia tree installed.

**V. ADJOURN: Mr. Langley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Mr. Wade seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.**



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Mark Miller, Chairman



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Date