

# **TOWN OF WELAKA TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**January 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Honorable Willie Washington, Jr. Town Council Room  
400 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Welaka, FL 32193**

*(This meeting will be broadcasted, for view only, on the Town of Welaka Facebook page)*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Kenneth Pagano
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
  - Aaron Levine - absent
  - Janis Brown - present
  - Pamela Washington - absent
  - Patti Nielsen - present
  - Kenneth Pagano - present
  - Town Attorney, Patrick Kennedy - absent
- 4. APPROVAL OF CURRENT AGENDA** – Motion to approve by PN and second by JB, all approved 3/0.
- 5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** December 28, 2023, Tree Board Meeting Minutes KP – correction to top of page changing agenda to meeting. JB made motion to approve with changes, PN seconded, all approved 3/0.
- 6. PRESENTATIONS** – combined 6 with 10a below.
- 7. CORRESPONDENCES**
  - a.** From Aaron Levine – discussed this last meeting,
- 8. REQUEST TO SPEAK** – NONE.
- 9. NEW BUSINESS** – KP suggested the agenda add each board member to have time to talk under new business. Please add for next meeting.
- 10. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a.** January 27, 2024, Arbor Day Event Discussion – BJ picked up trees for event on Saturday, several different species for a total of 20 trees. 10 are smaller ones, 2-gallon size. The activity will be Tree Trivia, answer questions and get a tree. Consolation prizes are Smokey the Bear items. Julio will give a small talk. BJ will do trivia. JB has told everyone to be there at 10 am. JB is concerned about potting soil in hole for Carolina Sapphire tree to be planted in. BJ said it shouldn't affect the tree that much. Julio would know more about the soil mixture. Tree Trivia will be at the end of the event. JB – itemized program 1. Educate about Arbor Day, 2. Julio presentation, 3. Plant Tree, 4.

- 11.** Trivia Game. KP thanked BJ for all the hard work. KP – we do have an ordinance; the Carolina Sapphire is not on the list. Need to approve planting this tree. JB – this tree is not susceptible to canker. PN – moved to accept Carolina sapphire tree for planting, JB second. All approved 3/0

**b.** Review of ORD 2015-1 WELAKA TREE ORDINANCE – KP we need to finalize a new date for the next workshop. Original scheduled 2/6/24, change to February 20, 2024, at 6pm. Room to be set up with table in middle. KP – explained how he is making changes live, deleted word is crossed out and new word is highlighted. Should make it easier to go through. Comments will show up so you can see why the change was made. BJ – looked up potting soil, do not use potting soil as it can kill the new tree. PN – have John remove the potting soil and a little bit more to get the hole ready with native soil.
- 12. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**
- 13. ADJOURN** – JB move to adjourn 6:29 pm and Second by PN KP. Adjourned meeting.