

Prospect Forestation Board Meeting
January 9, 2025 2 p.m. via Webex

Present: Lee Tucci, Linda Knox, Herb Shulhafer, Sylvia Quaye, Andrea Hanlon, Mayor Farnsley, Ron Cundiff, Linda Wardell,

The minutes of the December 12th meeting were approved

The Mayor reviewed the challenge of the recent major snow event and expressed gratitude for the extraordinary service provided by Greenscapes. He believes they worked 48 hours straight and have since been back.

He also addressed resident concerns on Rumpke not picking up on Monday or Tuesday. While the trucks most likely could navigate most areas, it would not be safe for employees on foot. He then suggested that Ron send out an eblast advising residents to not park on the street to facilitate continuing snow removal.

His final comment was to congratulate the Forestation Board on their 17th Tree City USA award.

Andrea echoed the Mayor's congratulations on the Tree City accomplishment. She focused on the recent weather and the impact on trees. She said there was less ice than some events. Ice is more likely to damage trees. She also reminded all that it is better to let the snow melt naturally rather than use a broom or stick to knock snow off.

Linda reported on a special meeting with the Mayor, John Carter and Mike Thomas on Code Enforcement as the revised Ordinance has been approved. She will submit recent cases to Mike and has organized them by subdivision. Reevaluation will need to wait until the trees come out in the spring to verify issues.

She also mentioned some ideas to improve the resident ordering process for the spring canopy trees such as giving the resident a copy of their agreement and the marking flag when the agreement and check were submitted.

After a resident inquiry requesting the City to trim streets, a meeting was held with Innisbrook HOA president Lynn Dowling to clarify various elements of the Tree Ordinance, which she found very helpful. We offered to address one of their meetings if it would be of help. Lee will be attending their Annual Meeting in February. Andrea provided some information from the US Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service. Linda Wardell, an Innisbrook resident, was pleased to hear Forestation would be attending her neighborhood meeting. She also shared that some years ago her HOA had trimmed streets trees to be in compliance with the Post Office. It may be something to suggest that other HOA's consider planning for street tree trimming in the budgets. She said the contractor also offered to do individual work at reduced rates while they were in the neighborhood.

Lee said he had the wording for the Mike Powers memorial plaque. His question concerned who should order. He offered to order and submit the invoice to the City for reimbursement. Doug agreed, and asked Lee to send to John with cc to him.

The Mayor then announced that the Beach Craigmyle award for exceptional service and many contributions to the Prospect would be awarded to Forestation Board Member Herb Shulhafer at the February Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be February 13 at 2 pm. Most likely Webex only

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Knox