

Minutes

Tree Preservation Trust Fund Committee

Thursday February 20th, 2025, 2:00 PM Hybrid Meeting via Teams

A meeting of the Tree Preservation Trust Fund Committee (TPTFC) was held on Thursday February 20th, 2025, commencing at 2:00pm in person at 1 North University Drive, Sabal Palm Room and virtually on Teams (The TPTFC meeting minutes were summarized by Peter Burke, pburke@broward.org or 954-519-1224.

1. Statement of Meeting Objectives: The meeting was held to review two applications for funding.
2. Roll Call: Peter Burke of the Environmental Permitting Division attended in person. Committee Members Ron Rollins, Highway Construction and Engineering Division and Mike Orfanedes, UF/IFAS representing the Parks and Recreation Division attended virtually.
3. Public Comments: None.
4. The Minutes of the 12/17/24 meeting was approved.
5. New Business:
 - a. An application for funding for an aerial lift was reviewed. The application was submitted by the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. The request was for \$146,710.00 for the purchase of an Aerial Lift and Trailer to be used for the maintenance of trees in Broward County Parks. After a short discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$146,710.00 with Peter Burke and Ron Rollins voting for approval. Mike Orfanedes abstained from voting as his agency works closely with the Parks and Recreation Division.
 - b. An application for funding for a tree giveaway to be held Earth Day, April 22nd, 2025. The application was submitted by the City of Miramar. The request was for \$5,000.00 in matching funds for a tree giveaway with an overall cost of \$11,610.00. for the purchase of 300 trees for the tree giveaway. After a discussion the application was approved for funding by a unanimous vote of the TPTFC. The approval was subject to the following conditions.
 1. Pond Apple, Avocado and Seagrape should be removed from the tree giveaway list and Simpson, Spanish or Red Stopper should be added.
 2. The size of the trees to be given away should be changed from 15 and 7 gallon to 3 gallon.
 3. The tree giveaway should have an educational component.
 4. The number of trees to be given away should be increased to make up for the reduction in size.
6. Next Scheduled Meeting: To be determined based on receipt of additional applications.
7. Adjourn: 2:30pm.