

Draft Minutes

Tree Preservation Trust Fund Committee

Wednesday August 20th, 2025, 10:00 AM Hybrid Meeting via Teams

A meeting of the Tree Preservation Trust Fund Committee (TPTFC) was held on Wednesday August 20th, 2025, commencing at 10:00am 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 four 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. Alex Schore of the Environmental Permitting Division also attended the meeting.
3. Public Comments: None.
4. The Minutes of the 7/03/25 meeting were approved.
5. New Business:
 - a. An application for funding for a tree giveaway in the City of Miramar was reviewed. The application was submitted by the NatureScape Broward Section of the Natural Resources Division at the request of Commissioner Davis. The request was for \$13,175.00 for the purchase of 525 trees to be given away at an event tentatively scheduled for October 2025. After a short discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$13,175.00, subject to the following comments.
 1. The Committee recommended more Mango trees be given away and fewer Soursop trees.
 2. Orange Geiger is a high maintenance tree, so Firebush and Jamaican Caper were suggested as alternative species.
 3. All trees purchased for the giveaway should be Florida Number One Grade quality.
 - b. An application for funding for the Water Matters Day tree giveaway was reviewed. The application was submitted by the NatureScape Broward Section of the Natural Resources Division. The request was for \$45,000.00 for the purchase of 2,000 trees to be given away at the Water Matters Day event to be held on March 14th, 2026. After a short discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$45,000.00, with the condition that inappropriate species on the tree list provided with the application not be purchased for the giveaway. A list of the inappropriate species will be provided before the procurement process begins.
 - c. An application for funding for three tree planting projects in the City of Lighthouse Point was reviewed. The application was submitted by the City of Lighthouse Point. The request was for \$15,175.00 for the purchase of 12 trees to be planted at three locations. After a short discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$15,175.00, subject to the following comments.

- 1 Rather than one 100-gallon Gumbo Limbo tree, the Committee asked that two or three 45- or 65-gallon Gumbo Limbo trees be planted instead.
 - 2 The Spanish Stopper trees should be pruned maintain their normal habit of growth, rather than shaping or topiary pruning.
 - 3 The Committee recommended Ashoka or Mast tree as an alternative to the Stopper trees.
- d. An application for funding for a tree planting project in the City of Tamarac was reviewed. The application was submitted by the City of Tamarac. The request was for \$8,800.00 for the purchase of 7 trees to be planted at two Nob Hill Road medians. After a short discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$8,800.00, subject to the following comments.
 - 1 A County Right of Way Work Permit is required from the Highway Construction and Engineering Division prior to the tree planting project commencement.
 - 2 A median width dimension shall be added where the trees are proposed to be planted.
 - 3 The trees must be at least 100 feet from the median tips.
6. Next Scheduled Meeting: To be determined based on receipt of additional applications.
7. Adjourn: 11:00am.