

## MINUTES

### TREE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:00 AM Hybrid Meeting via Teams

A meeting of the Tree Preservation Trust Fund Committee (TPTFC) was held on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, commencing at 11:00am 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](mailto:pburke@broward.org) or 954-519-1224).

1. Statement of Meeting Objectives: The meeting was held to review three 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. New Business:
  - a. An application for funding for a tree giveaway to be held at the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Wellness Jamboree was reviewed. The application was submitted by the Broward County Naturescape Broward Section of the Natural Resources Division. The request was for \$1,620.00 for the purchase of 80 trees for the giveaway. After a short discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$1,620.00 by a unanimous vote of the TPTFC. The approval was subject to the following conditions.
    1. All purchased trees shall be Florida Number One Grade quality.
    2. Tree Planting Guidelines shall be provided at the tree giveaway.
    3. Gumbo Limbos are preferred over the Wild Tamarind trees referenced in the application.
  - b. An application for funding for a tree giveaway to be held at Water Matters Day 2025 was reviewed. The application was submitted by the Broward County Naturescape Broward Section of the Natural Resources Division. The request was for \$43,000.00 for the purchase of trees and shrubs for the tree giveaway. After a discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$37,800.00 for funding by a unanimous vote of the TPTFC. The approval was subject to the following conditions.
    1. The funding was for trees only, as per code only tree saplings are eligible for funding for tree giveaways.
    2. Additional native medium sized trees shall be included in the tree giveaway.
    3. At least 50% natives shall be included in the tree giveaway.
    4. All purchased trees shall be Florida Number One Grade quality.
  - c. An application for funding for tree planting projects in the City of Tamarac was reviewed. The application was submitted by the City of Tamarac. The application was for two planting projects. The first project was for the purchase and installation of seven Live Oak trees totaling \$10,800.00. After a discussion the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$10,800.00 by a unanimous vote of the TPTFC. The approval was subject to the following conditions.

1. All trees shall be at least 10 feet from any utilities.
2. The trees shall receive a minimum of three months of watering.
3. The trees shall be Florida Grade #1.
4. The trees shall be inspected by City staff at the time of delivery to ensure they are Florida Number One Grade.
5. A Planting Detail shall be added to the planting plan.

The second project was for purchase and installation of one 'Medjool' Date Palm. The estimated cost of the date palm was \$9,635.00. After a short discussion this request was not approved by a unanimous vote of the TPTFC. The factors in the vote were that it was not a cost-effective use of funds and did little to meet the goal of increasing tree canopy coverage in Broward County.

5. Next Scheduled Meeting: To be determined based on receipt of additional applications.
6. Adjourn: 12:00pm.