

# TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

April 21, 2015 - 5:30 P.M.

## PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

### MEMBERS

X	Dr. Maurice Holt, Vice-Chair
	Laura Clarke, Treasurer
	Dr. Rip Pfeiffer
X	Cleve Formwalt
X	Jesse McDaniel
X	Ben Cummings
X	William Rooks
X	Terry Plauche

### STAFF

X	Urban Forestry	Gerard McCants
	Alabama Power	Blake Jarrett
X	Planning	Richard Olsen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Cummings and seconded by Mr. Holt to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015.

The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A motion was made by Mr. Rooks and seconded by Mr. Formwalt to approve the Treasurer's Report of a balance of \$10,454.57, with no income or expenditures.

The motion carried.

### **HOLDOVER REQUESTS:**

<b>1</b>	<p><b><u>P-2015-010</u></b> Kenneth Wiggins 1811 Calmes St (Southeast corner of Calmes St and Lessene St) Remove a 28" Pine tree</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for approval. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>No one was in attendance to present the application.</p> <p>There was brief discussion regarding the reason the application had been heldover from the March meeting, and that there had been a previous approval in</p>
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	<p>2013. The applicant was to provide photographic documentation that roots from the 28” pine had damaged the house.</p> <p>After the discussion and hearing the options that were available to the Commission, a motion was made and seconded to approve the above reference application, subject to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>All work is to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor;</b></li><li>2. <b>All work is to be done at the applicant’s expense; and</b></li><li>3. <b>All work in the right-of-way requires a Right-of-Way Permit.</b></li></ol> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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**PERMIT REQUESTS:**

<p>2</p>	<p><b><u>P-2015-012</u></b></p> <p>Andrew and Katherine Felis 1009 Church Street (South side of Church Street, 170’ ± East of Chatham Street) Remove 21” DBH Live Oak Tree located in the Church Street right-of-way, located in the Oakleigh Garden District.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended to allow selective root pruning and not removal. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>No one was in attendance to present the application.</p> <p>There was discussion about the recommendation and root pruning versus removal as requested. It was noted that root pruning is not often recommended or approved. It was also noted that the tree appears to be in good health, and that the canopy had recently been pruned by Forestry.</p> <p>There was a question about the video referenced in the staff report. Staff stated that the video had not been submitted.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to Deny the application.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr Olsen discussed changing from issuing a “Letter of Permit” to an Actual permit form, similar to those issued for building permits and zoning certificates, and the reasons behind such a change. Mr Olsen provided a sample of what the permit might look like.

The Commission supported the idea, and then discussed items such as the font, who would issue the permits, and how detailed the information would/could be. Mr Olsen indicated that he would provide an amended sample at a future meeting.

- The Commission discussed nominations for the Mobile Tree Commission Awards. They discussed if there needed to be certain criteria for selecting who was nominated and they also discussed ideas on how to present the award. Ideas from the past included: presenting the award at Arbor Day, during Tree Commission meetings and during the City Council Meetings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05