



TREE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

City of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Council Chamber | 2055 South Patrick Drive



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MINUTES

Call to order

- Chairman Lucey Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation

Roll call

Adam Lucey - Present
Anastasia Doshna - Present
Leigh McElroy - Present
Paul Oliveri – Present
Beth Mahoney - Present
Jelena Salonina – Present
Joanna Auter – Present

Excusal of Board Members

- N/A

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

- N/A

Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting December 10, 2025
 - Member Doshna pointed out that on page 3, the arbor day event time should be 10 AM not 10:15 AM.

- Member Doshna stated that a vendor's name needed corrected to "Native butterfly flowers nursery"
- Motion made by Member Doshna to approve the December 10, 2025 Tree Preservation Board Meeting with the mentioned changes, seconded by Member Oliveri. The motion was carried 5-0.

2. Workshop on January 7, 2026

- Motion made by Member Doshna to approve the January 7, 2026 Arbor Day Workshop as is, seconded by Member Oliveri. The motion was carried 5-0.

Old Business

3. Champion Tree Selection

- Member Doshna voiced her concerns about the Tree trackers information. The board discussed an approach. Member Salonina volunteered to create a new tracker and update it with the information that Member Doshna has been using.

4. Tree Preservation Board Public Communications

- Member Doshna volunteered to provide additional "plant this, not that" materials to staff for posting on the City's Facebook and uploading to the website.
- Vice Chair McElroy mentioned the need of additional time to develop a social media assessment and review.

5. 2026 Arbor Day Planning

- Staff member Quincy Smith identified the location that the tree would be planted at for the Arbor Day event and explained to the Board why it was chosen.
- The Board discussed various possible locations to hold the event within Glesson Park. Ultimately the decision was tabled until their next meeting.
- The Board reviewed the itemized cost list that was provided by Chairman Lucey. The board is to now provide the City with quotes from vendors so that the City can proceed with the purchase of those items.
- The Board agreed to move forward with stickers rather than the original magnets.
- The Board approved the purchase list that was provided by Chairman Lucey.

- Recreation Director Cusimano informed the Board that she would be available to assist during the event but would not be able to provide staff.
- The Board agreed to fill out the Arbor Day Planning Document created by Vice-Chair McElroy and return it to Assistant to the City Manager Covert before their next meeting.

6. Tree Management Plan

- Chairman Lucey identified target areas with the lowest coverage to address.
 - Bicentennial
 - State Beach (State)
 - Detura
 - Millenium
 - Pine tree Drive
 - Little league field (School)
- Member Doshna suggested planting a Ficus at Millenium Beach Park
- Public Works Director Scaldo explained to the board the constraints that the City works within regarding the kinds of trees they can plant and maintain and where.
- Public Works Director Scaldo updated the board on the status of the pepper tree removal project and explained to them the benefits that it was having in Gleason Park.

New Business

7. Algonquin Sports Complex – Planting Suggestions

- Public Works Director Scaldo spoke about the constraints, project delays, and upcoming collaborative meetings regarding the vegetative plans for the Algonquin Sports Complex.
- Motion made by Vice Chair McElroy to table the discussion until next meeting so that they can have more information. The motion was seconded by Member Oliveri. The motion was carried 5-0.

Board Member comments

- Member Doshna mentioned different trees that could possibly be planted within City medians after speaking with Deputy Mayor Dyer.
- Chairman Lucey inquired about the involvement of the Planning and Zoning Board regarding their role in recommendations from the Tree Preservation Board.

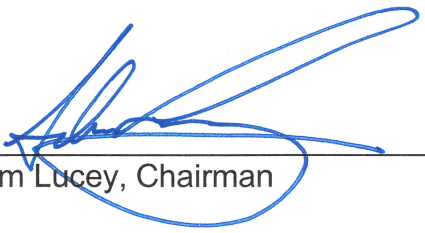
Public comments

- Council Member Yorio shared his perspective and advocacy for the Tree Preservation Board. Highlighting the boards recommendation powers and the boards support from the City Council.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Member Oliveri to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by Vice-Chair McElroy, The motion was carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the City Hall Council Chamber.



Adam Lucey, Chairman