



TREE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

City of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Council Chamber | 2055 South Patrick Drive



Tree City
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MINUTES

Tree Preservation Board

Adam Lucey, Chairman

Leigh McElroy, Vice-Chair

Anastasia Doshna, Voting Member

Beth Mahoney, Voting Member

Paul Oliveri, Voting Member

Jelena Salonina, Alternate Member

Joanna Auter, Alternate Member

Staff

Orrie Covert, Assistant to the City Manager

Call to order

- Chairman Lucey Called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation

Roll call

Adam Lucey - Present

Anastasia Doshna - Present

Leigh McElroy - Absent

Paul Oliveri – Absent

Beth Mahoney - Absent

Jelena Salonina – Absent

Joanna Auter – Present

Elevation of Alternate(s) to Temporary Voting Member

- Motion made by Member Doshna to recognize Alternate Joanna Auter as a temporary voting member for the meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Lucey. The motion carried 2-0.

Excusal of Board Members

- Member Doshna made a motion to excuse Vice-Chair McElroy, Member Oliveri, member Mahoney, and Member Salonina. Motion seconded by Chairman Lucey. The motion carried 3-0.

Additions or deletions to the agenda

- N/A

Approval of Minutes

- Meeting January 21, 2026
 - Motion made by Chairman Lucey to approve the Jan 21, 2026 Tree Preservation Board Meeting, seconded by Member Doshna. The motion was carried 3-0.

Old Business

- Champion Tree Selection
 - Member Doshna expressed her dismay with the recent removal of a champion tree awardee.
 - No additional champion trees were nominated.
- Tree Preservation Board Public Communications
 - The Board clarified that any new educational materials would have to be approved by the Board before they are to be posted or shared.
 - The Board approved two new educational materials submitted by Member Doshna.
 - Member Doshna suggested creating education materials for freezing weather impact on plants.
- 2026 Arbor Day Planning
 - Board has consensus to hold the event near the tree planting near the pond, in front of the recreation center.
 - The Board clarified that they will not sell the stickers but instead give them away to visitors.

- Member Doshna provided the Board with a champion tree nomination form to give out during the event.
- Assistant to the City Manager Covert reported that Dano's Pizza has agreed to sell pizza by the slice at the event.
- Tree Management Plan
 - The Board discussed possibly developing language for an ordinance to propose to the City Council that would require development/redevelopment sites to plant native trees and plants that would contribute to the City's tree canopy.
 - The Board had consensus to continually track possible revisions to the plan and conduct revisions and updates on an annual basis.

New Business

- Review Ord. No. 2026-04 on Wildflowers and Tallgrass
 - The board discussed the details of the ordinance expressing their concerns regarding the following topics:
 1. Permitting process
 2. Enforcement
 3. Language that discourages native yards
 4. Vagueness of definitions (ex: grass, weed, etc.)
 5. Possible unintended impacts (increased use of chemicals in lawn care)
 - Member Doshna made a motion to recommend revisions to ordinance 2026-04 with consideration of their comments. Seconded by Chairman Lucey. Motion passes 3-0.

Board Member Comments

- N/A

Public comments

- Niel Yorio, states he was unaware of the 2026-04 ordinance and that he is against it's current language. He expressed concerns regarding lawns and the permitting process. Stated that it would be his opinion to not change the language in this way but rather develop language that encourages native lawns.
- Ronda Mayo, commented on ordinance 2026-04. Stating that it's language is vague and encompasses more than just weeds and wildflowers. Disapproves of the burden being on the homeowner. Would like to see an improvement of language and requested more detailed definitions.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Member Doshna to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Member Auter. The motion was carried 3-0.

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



Adam Lucey, Chairman