



TREE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

City of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Council Chamber | 2055 South Patrick Drive



Tree City
— USA —



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 7:01 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 – Present

Beth Mahoney - Present

Jelena Salonina – Absent

Joanna Auter – Present

Excusal of Board Members

- Member Doshna made a motion to excuse Vice-Chair McElroy and Member Salonina. Motion seconded by Member Oliveri. The motion carried 4-0.

- Chairman Lucey moved to recognize Member Auter as a voting member. Member Doshna made a motion to approve the recognition of Member Auter as a voting member. Motion seconded by Member Oliveri. The motion carried 4-0.

Additions or deletions to the agenda

- N/A

Approval of Minutes

- Meeting March 18, 2026
 - Member Doshna made a correction under “new business - wildflower & tall grass” changing “Member Doshna” to “Board Members” when referring to alternative options of enforcement of the ordinance.
 - Member Doshna made a motion to approve the change in the minutes. Member Oliveri seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

- Champion Tree Selection
 - Member Doshna requested staff leave the sign at 209 Micanopy Court.
 - Roll over the Champion Tree awardee from March/April to May/June.
 - Member Doshna made a correction to the agenda, changing “105 poinciana” to “155 poinciana”.
- Tree Preservation Board Public Communications
 - Member Doshna presented an additional three (3) “plant this not that” educational materials to be posted on the City’s Facebook page and website.
 - The board had consensus on the approval of the materials.
 - Chairman Lucey suggested that the board submit additional templates for education to better diversify the educational content being shared to residents.
 - Member Oliveri volunteered to create additional educational materials for the City’s webpage and social media.
- Tree Management Plan
 - Grounds Supervisor Quincy Smith explained to the TPB the challenges and constraints with managing trees and vegetation within City medians.

Encouraging the board to recommend trees that are low maintenance, colorful, and will not protrude into the road.

- Member Doshna made a motion to recommending the City plant trees identified in the “recommended tree list” from the City’s Tree Management Plan within the identified City medians. The motion was seconded by Member Oliveri. The motion carried 3-2.
- Review Ord. No. 2026-04 on Wildflowers and Tall Grass
 - Member Oliveri explained that he understand this topic to fall outside of the Tree Preservation Boards purview.
 - Chairman Lucey explained that the goal is to provide direction for the ordinance and provide acceptable alternative language. Not to write the new ordinance.
 - The board had consensus to move the Wildflowers and Tall Grass workshop to May 7th at 7 p.m. and table further discussion until the special workshop.

New Business

- 2026 Arbor Day Review
 - Member Doshna would like additional social media promotion for the event.
 - Member Doshna mentioned additional organizations being interested in partnering with the City for next year’s event.
 - Board had Consensus in setting the 2027 budget for arbor day at \$1,500
 - The board felt that the location of the event was an improvement from the previous year.
- Recommended Trees List for the Algonquin Sports Complex
 - Grounds Supervisor Quincy Smith explained to the TPB the constraints that the Public Works Department works within in order to properly provide maintenance to any planted trees while preventing damage to any existing structures.
 - Member Oliveri made a motion recommending staff to plant trees approved in the “recommended tree list” for the identified designated areas of the Algonquin Sports Complex. The motion was seconded by Member Doshna. The motion carried 5-0.
- Tree Replacements at the Police Station

- Member Doshna suggested planting a native wildflower in the area
- Grounds Supervisor Quincy Smith informed the board that the soil at the police station is not ideal for most plants and described the state of the current vegetation at the Police Department.
- Member Doshna volunteered to create a recommended bush/alternative vegetation list.
- Consensus to resolve the agenda item and work to expand the Tree Management Plan to include a “recommended bush/alternative vegetation list”.

Board Member Comments

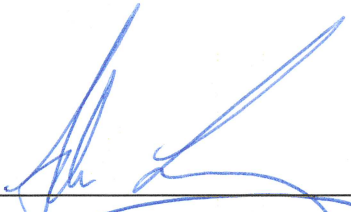
- Member Doshna made a motion to move the June Tree Preservation meeting to June 10th. The motion was seconded by Member Oliveri. The motion carried 5-0.

Public comments

- David Nutt, 105 Anona Place, reminded the board that they are primarily education focused and that their role is not to direct staff but to provide insight, expertise, and recommendations to City Council and staff.
- Niel Yorio, 211 Wimico Drive, recommended promoting the tree tour hosted by Quincy Smith more.
- Niel Yorio, 211 Wimico Drive, recommended expanding the recommended tree list into various different categories.
- Ronda Mayo, 117 Algonquin Terrace, spoke about the vegetation that used to be included at the ASC. Would like staff to consider the ecosystem services that the pines and brush trees had previously provided. Identified the water retention pond as a great opportunity to foster a healthy ecosystem by including a tree buffer.

Adjournment

- Member Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Doshna. The motion carried 5-0.



 Chairman Adam Lucey

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD SHOULD APPEAR IN PERSON AT THESE HEARINGS OR SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE CITY CLERK. ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT IF THEY SHOULD DECIDE TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. FSS 286.0105. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), ANYONE WHO NEEDS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT 321-773-3181 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING.