

Southport Forestry Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting – 12 December 2023, 5:00 PM

Scott called the meeting to order at 5pm. In attendance were: Scott Len, Bif Bream, Jerry Donaldson, Marianne Huntley, Dina Rousset, Michael McGee, Heather Kos and Fred Fiss. Mo Meehan was also present.

Minutes of the November meeting were unanimously approved.

Old/Recurring Business:

Ordinance/Permits/City topics – (Maureen) . Mo noted that some trees are coming down in Highland Park neighborhood off Atlantic as part of development. No recent changes to UDO. Code enforcement officer started work this week. H.P. moved over from Public Services and will begin to attend Forestry meetings. Outside code enforcement contractor – Alliance – will be dealing with nuisances, junk cars, etc. Scott asked Mo if there was any update on fine at Indigo but none available at this time. Mo reminded everyone that anyone can access permit application portal at bottom right corner of website. She provided a card with info to interested committee members.

“Around the room” – update on lights at ABC store- Jackie at Public Services will submit work order to have lights removed.

New Business:

- Tree City USA – application is mostly complete and will be submitted next week (deadline 12/31). This is 20th anniversary of designation for Southport.
- Franklin Square Park: Bartlett Tree Survey will be presented to Alderman on December 14th and at that time we’ll know much more.
- North Carolina Forestry Service will visit in Feb/Mar 2024 to survey trees at Old Burying Ground. Scott has ordered tags and will schedule days to tag prior to visit.

- Tree Planting 2024. List continues to be developed. Trees will once again come from Seven Meadows Farm. Michael or HP will submit the 811 request.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Next Regular meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2024 ITMH: