

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Community Development Conference Room

Minutes

September 3, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32p.m.
Members present: Debra Carr (1), Jeremy Herring (7), Wendy Lally (5), and Susan Peterson (4).
Excused: Doug Deluca (6), Mark Dubaz (3). Not Excused: Jamie Tamburo (Ward 2)
City Council or Staff present: Mr. Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development
Brad Manus, City contracted arborist and Paul Tisdale, Ward 5 Council
Representative.
Guests: See attached sign in sheet.
- II. Minutes: August minutes were approved. The Tree Committee did not meet in July.
- III. Public Comment: I welcomed the guests that were in attendance and asked them to sign in. I reminded everyone that they have a total of 10 minutes to speak. We do not usually allow discussion but if you would like to speak, please wait to be recognized. Several people attended. There were a few comments, suggestions and questions. I thanked everyone for attending.
- IV. Ongoing Business:
 - A. Updates / Comments from City Arborist: Mr. Creel told us the City Arborist position has not been filled and is still posted. The City has increased the pay to \$56,000 plus for additional education and certifications. Mr. Creel is still acting as temporary arborist but with restrictions for granting tree permits. He is only approving permits for removal of protected dead or diseased trees and for trees that need to be removed because of insurance requirements or building issues. All these tree permits have been documented with photos. No protected healthy trees have been removed. If there is a questionable tree permit he contacts Brad Manus. Mr. Creel provided a printed list of the trees that have been granted tree permits. This list will be attached to the minutes. There were a few comments,

suggestions and questions. All questions were answered by Mr. Creel or Brad Manus about trees on the list.

B. Action Tracking (15 min): Temporarily on hold.

C. Site Visits and Recommendations:

- **Hawk Creek Phase 2** subdivision tree recommendation is on “hold.” When we receive all the paperwork and the site has been grubbed the tree committee will make their recommendations for this subdivision. I asked Mr. Creel to have Brad Manus go out to the property and make an assessment. I asked Felicia Serpas to contact Jordan Bursch asking for clarification the original tree Protected Tree Survey Report and the Protected Tree Table as the tree committee needed to know where those protected trees were located. Felicia Serpas emailed the revised tree survey map which I forwarded to all the tree committee members. Brad Manus gave his report which stated the land still wasn’t grubbed enough to get through, some of the trees were not marked, there was a protected tree that needed to be saved, and many of the trees needed to be remarked. Again Mr. Jordan Bursch has offered to meet the tree committee members and Brad Manus will also attend.
- **Tree Hearing and Recommendation for 2513 Brighton Circle** which was presented to the Planning Commission meeting on August 20th. I sent a letter to the Planning Commission explaining the Tree Committee could not make a recommendation on this matter since our current LDO’s do not address the issue of homeowner/neighbor trimming a protected tree. I did provide some additional documentation with the letter from the MS Forestry Commission during the meeting and included pg. 5 of the “MS Forestry Commission Trees & The Law” publication.

D. Committee Reports:

- DRC Attendance: Susan Peterson attended these DRC meetings: August 13^t, 20th, 27th, 17th, 24th, and September 3rd.
- PR/ Communications and Upcoming Events:
 - *An article was written by Susan Peterson for the September BNews on Biloxi’s Twelve Palms located at corner of Bayview and Forrest Avenues.
- Majestic Tree Program:
 - *I am still waiting for an updated City of Biloxi Societe Des Arbres list. They will get back with me.

V. Current Business:

A. Tree Committee Comments: None

B. Chairperson / Secretary Comments:

I have been invited Beach Garden Club of Biloxi on September 10th at the Bayou Bluff Tennis Club to present our City of Biloxi Majestic Tree Program.

Additionally, I was asked to help Avonna Cain with registering her 4 majestic trees so that she would be able to assist her Beach Garden Club members with their registrations.

C. Reports to the City: Copy of letter to Planning Commission on the Brighton Circle live oak tree.

VI. Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

VII. Meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Submitted by:

Susan Peterson

Tree Committee Chairperson/Secretary

Owner	Address	Trees removed/trimed/pruned	Diameter	Contractor	Date issued
Erin King	988 Wildwood Ln	16-18 various Oak Trees		Southern Tree Surgery LLC	6/4/2025
Monique Williams	346 Lee St	1 Oak		Owner	6/6/2025
Ronald Peresich	2015 Bayside Dr	Trim Trees		Owner	6/9/2025
Sunkist Country Club Inc	2381 Sunkist Country Club Rd	2 Oaks & Pine		Owner	6/10/2025
Kristen Manners	2489 Castille Pl	1 Oak		Wrights Tree	6/12/2025
Anatole Bay Homes	495 Popp's Ferry Rd #76	Trim Trees		Anatole Bay HOA	6/13/2025
Angela R Juzang	417 Alicia Dr.	1 Oak & Trim 1 tree		Angela R Juzang	6/13/2025
Gilbert R Mason Sr	365 Fayard St	Trim Trees		TBD	6/13/2025
MAS LTD LLC	1028 Howard Ave	Trim Trees		Owner	6/13/2025
James & Julein Christina	212 Benachi Ave	Trim Trees		Lee Jay Johnson	6/14/2025
Team Raul, LLC	1706-1708 Garden Park Dr	1 Oak		Team Raul, LLC	6/18/2025
Wealth Hospitality	612 Beach Blvd	2 Oak s	18.8 & 16.9	Patel Construction	6/18/2025
Noah Mitchell	1310 Kensington Dr	Trim Trees		Brotherhood Services	6/20/2025
Leslie Porter	13373 Lorraine Rd	1 Oak		The Tree Guys	6/23/2025
Kenneth Worthy	305 Westview Dr	1 Oak	21	Epic Homes, LLC	6/24/2025
Shirley Stoy	319 Belvedere Dr	1 Oak & Trim 1 tree		Owner	6/27/2025
Burger King 6461	2395 Pass Rd	1 dead Oak		Wrights Tree	6/29/2025
John Bosch	2566 River Place Blvd	1 Oak	14	Owner	7/1/2025
Milton Love	351 Lakeview Blvd	1 Oak	20	Taylor Tree Service	7/2/2025
Roland Merrill	326 Santini St	1 tree		Owner	7/2/2025
Biloxi Houseing Auth	2130 Pass Rd	1 Oak		Owner	7/3/2025
Joh Roark	813 Rustwood Dr	1 Oak	35	Owner	7/8/2025
Alexandria Yoakum	175 Brady Dr	3 Oaks & 2 unprotected		Live Oaks Construction	7/10/2025
Alexandria Yoakum	2435 Old Bay Rd	1 Magnolia, 2 Oaks 2 unprotected		Live Oaks Construction	7/10/2025
Reed Reeland	1228 Kensington	Trim Trees		Owner	7/11/2025
Bobby Howarth	964 Country Club Ln	1 Oak		Owner	7/11/2025
Billie Dunn	2251 Baywood Dr	3 Oaks & 1 Magnolia		Owner	7/14/2025
Giordano Serafina	1050 Frank P. Corso St	Trim Trees		Owner	7/14/2025
Richard Cobath	869 Tee	1 Oak		Taylor Tree Service	7/21/2025
Nicholas Conger	2572 Brighton Cir	1 Oak		Southern Tree Surgery LLC	7/22/2025
David Morrison	9721 W Oaklawn Rd	1 Oak		Owner	7/24/2025
Elbert Meaut	2337 Edwards Cir	4 Oaks		Southern Tree Surgery LLC	7/25/2025
John Evans	404 Tuscano LN	1 Oak	35	Owner	7/25/2025

