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# Minutes

## Town Commission Special Called Meeting Thursday • March 19, 2015 • 6:00 pm

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1. Call to Order: 6:00 pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
3. Roll Call:  
Commissioners Attending:
  - Joseph Aufmuth Absent with notice
  - Michael Berkowitz, Mayor Pro-Tem Absent with notice
  - Virginia Mance, Mayor Present
  - Richard Shutterly Present
  - Mike Roberts Present
  
  - Stephen Lee, Town Attorney Present
  - Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator Present
  - Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Absent with notice
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
  - A. Agenda Approval  
***Motion made and seconded (Shutterly/Roberts) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 3-0***
5. Resolution 2015-03 – Designating Canopy Tree Protection Zone
  - a) The Town of Micanopy recognizes that trees enhance the natural beauty of our community and the quality of life for residents of Micanopy, increase property values, improve our standard of living, and contribute to the economic wellbeing of our tourist industry.
  - b) In order to provide additional protection of aesthetic resources within the Town of Micanopy, all property within ten (10) feet of the outside right-of-way line of the Town's roadways (locally or state-owned) shall be known as the Canopy Tree Protection Zone.
  - c) No person or agency shall cut, remove, trim or in any way damage any tree located within the Canopy Tree Protection Zone, Specimen Trees, and/or Historical Trees without obtaining a tree permit from the Town of Micanopy.

Mayor Mance read Resolution 2015-03 in entirety. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Shutterly stated that we need to move forward with this resolution followed by an Ordinance. Attorney Lee stated that this action is symbolic in nature only, as our Charter requires an Ordinance for this type of action.

Citizen's comments: Michael Campbell commented on defining "tree" for the purpose of this resolution. Town Administrator Gonano suggested that the Tree Committee address this issue in conjunction with rewriting the Tree Ordinance. Karen Hill discussed the right-of-way using her property as an example and stated that her property line goes right up to the curb. "Is this the line of the right-of-way that goes 10' from there and is this enough to capture the trees that the town would like to protect?" Mayor Mance stated that this is the initial place holder and the actual Ordinance can be honed with specifics utilizing workshops to discuss in detail.

***Motion made and seconded (Shutterly/Roberts) to adopt Resolution 2015-03 as submitted; passed 3-0***

Town Administrator Gonano will forward information from this meeting to the Tree Committee.

6. Adjourn: 6:10 pm

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**MINUTES APPROVED:**

as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ as amended \_\_\_\_\_ at Town Commission Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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**Virginia Mance, Mayor**

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**Patty S. Polk, Recorder**