

# Park Safety Update Minutes

March 16, 2026

7-7:30pm

(meeting ended early at 7:20pm)

Virtual Meeting via Teams

## 1. Reason for this meeting

This meeting was scheduled to inform residents and homeowners about a necessary cost of safety maintenance that has been scheduled at the beach lot- tree removal, per an agreement made by the 2024 board at the 2024 Annual Owners and Residents meeting.

### From the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

VIII, Section 2, 2a

A resident asked that if expenses were to exceed the overall budget by more than 10% that there be a communication to a wider audience by holding a meeting. Amanda and others agreed that this could be held via Zoom(virtually), if needed.

## 2. Rationale for Tree Removal

After residents expressed concern about the state of some of the trees at the beach lot, we consulted the tree company. They met with the Vice President at the beach lot to assess the safety of each tree, and determined that 12 poplar trees\* needed to be removed.

## 3. Board Decision

At the March 9th Board Meeting, the board unanimously approved the removal of the trees by True Cut Tree Service. This work will cost \$25,800, and will remove 12 trees which pose a danger to the power lines, pavilion, and/or play structures.

This work will begin on **Wednesday, 3/18** and is tentatively scheduled to conclude on **Friday, 3/20**. The **Park and Beach lot will be CLOSED during this time**.

The board is also getting quotes to plant maple trees. We do need "good" trees and shade at the park. Installment of maple trees (to replace the removed poplar trees) will likely need to be done in phases due to costs.

## 4. Other Projects/Needs

The board will address ongoing work and plans for other items at the Annual Meeting in May, which will be in person. The subject of tonight's meeting is to inform residents and homeowners of the tree removal.

## 5. Resident Comments *(synopsis of Q&A is on the next page)*

Please limit your question or comment to 1 minute, and stay on topic. We will give up to one minute to respond. Questions regarding other projects/needs will be addressed at the Annual Meeting in May.

**\*Note about poplar trees from The Spruce:** [Poplar Trees: Pros and Cons of Each Type](#)

Branch Hazard ("Widowmakers"): Poplars are considered weak-wooded, often referred to as "widowmakers" because they can drop large branches unexpectedly.

## **Synopsis of Q&A and Comments**

**Q:** Frederick M- asked why more trees are being planted.

**A:** Mindy and Rob replied that Shade is needed at the park, but that trees will be strategically placed/spaced so as not to pose a threat to the play structure, power lines, or the pavilion.

**Comment:** Pete S.- talked about the trees being 50-70 years old and glad that action is being taken.

**Comment:** Cathy P.- agreed with Pete that it is a step in the right direction, and said that the park will take time to be in an ideal state, but that this is the right step forward. Cathy also talked about the cost to homeowners when a tree at the beach lot took out the power for many on the street a couple years ago- for some it was 4 days, for a few it was over 2 weeks.

**Comment:** Gero R.- stated that he was supportive of maples at the park, but that he would like to see a sequoia planted as well.