

**City Of Belle Isle**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Belle Isle tree board**  
**November 1, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

City Hall  
1600 Nela Ave  
Belle Isle, Florida 32809

**Present at Meeting:** Emily DeLozier

Darcy Fritz  
Christopher Stalder  
Richard Weinsier  
Bob Francis  
Douglas DeYoung

**Absent from Meeting:** George Travis

The regular meeting of the Belle Isle tree board of City Of Belle Isle was called to order at 6:35 PM on November 1, 2021 at City Hall by Emily DeLozier.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**III. Consideration of Open Issues**

1. Excused Absence

Richard Weinsier

Richard motioned and Douglas DeYoung 2nd the fact George missed the meeting and is excused due to illness.

2. Forestry Service

Dana Sussmann

Dana addressed the board with information to help us forward our commitment by implementing a Urban Forestry program.

She suggested the first step would to use " I Tree " as a way to map the cities tree canopy.

Dana also suggested to acquire a inventory of the cities trees both public and private.

She would be available to assist with this endeavor as well as helping the board acquire grants to go towards the cost .

In conjunction with this , she also suggested we help educate the public . Emily and Bob stated we have had success in the past with quarterly guest speakers and we were implementing some guess speakers in the Spring Fling / Arbor day event.

3. Tree Permits

Bob Francis

Bob has approached the board to help close out tree removal permits.

Richard also suggested we help approve the permits.

We will , as a board , further discuss this next meeting as well as streamline the specific requirements to close it out. The board was receptive to the idea and will implement it .

4. Site Plans

Bob Francis

Bob also suggested and Doug concurred that the board also be more involved with the landscape plans submitted to Planning and Zoning, both residential and commercial.

We can offer suggestions as to diversifying tree and bush types to limit mono cultures and prevent inappropriate placement of trees.

5. Christmas Event

Emily DeLozier

Emily suggested the board have a booth at the upcoming City Christmas event on December 8th. This will help spread our presence in the community and disperse some horticultural literature. We will also organize a raffle to give away some plants . The board approved \$75 to go towards the [plant purchase if we can not get them donated. The board also approved \$50 to go towards acquiring a space at the event

6. New Landscape Island

The board discussed the landscaping of the island across from the front door to city hall. Bob reviewed the plan and approved . The discussion also revolved around the potential re designing and consequently , re-landscaping all of city hall.

The board agreed to postpone the re-landscape for 6 months to see what the further plans for city hall are.

In lue of this postponement , Bob suggested we enhance Holloway Park located to the west of city hall. The board will design a pollinator/ native garden for that area

#### **IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on December 6, 2021 at:

Belle Isle City Hall

1600 Nela Ave

Belle Isle, Florida 32809

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

Christmas event

Permit review

landscape / site review

Holloway Park garden

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM by Emily DeLozier.

Minutes submitted by: Douglas Deyoung

Minutes approved by: Douglas Deyoung