

City Of Belle Isle
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Tree advisory Board
April 11, 2022
6:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

Belle Isle City Hall
1600 Nela Ave
Belle Isle, Florida 32809

Present at Meeting: Richard Weinsier

Christopher Stalder
Douglas DeYoung
Darcy Fritz
Hannah Wooten

Absent from Meeting: Emily DeLozier

George Travis

The regular meeting of the Tree advisory Board of City Of Belle Isle was called to order at 6:35 PM on April 11, 2022 at Belle Isle City Hall by Richard Weinsier.

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. Arbor?Spring Fling

Holly Bobrowski

Holly Bobrowski , the chair of the special events committee attended the meeting to review the upcoming event. The Arbor day/ Spring Fling event will coincide with the AWYS Lace up to buckle up 5k run/walk event. The board discussed the logistics of blending the two events. Lane closures , event display vehicles , rides , vendors and food truck placement was finalized.

Some vendore from the race will stay to participate with the Arbor Day event.

Richard Weinsier and Doug DeYoung will attend the special events meeting on Apri

2. Tree Committee Event Discussion

Richard Weinsier

Chris Stalder had contact with the Pet Alliance and they will not be able to attend the event. They are still in rebuilding stage following the fire at their facility. Chris also stated Rabbit rescue was interested but would not be able to attend. Doug DeYoung contacted Orange County Audubon Society and they are willing to participate pending volunteers. Fly By Night Bats was also contacted and waiting a reply.

Emily DeLozier secured a stage from Orange county. The board will be having guest speakers through out the day . Belle isle will supply the sound system and Belle Isle Police department will be suppling chairs and tables for the stage .

During the event , our mayor will have the honor to announce the Arbor day proclamation to those who will attend. The proclamation will be at 10:30 at the stage.

3. Pollinator Garden

Douglas DeYoung

With the attendance of the city manager. The discussion of installing a pollinator garden in the park west of city hall was discussed.

Doug will draw up a design for the garden and a foot print it will encompass.

The board will review at the next meeting then send it to council for approval.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Committee Elections

Richard Weinsier

Richard contacted George Travis, the current chair to discuss his position. George indicated he will not be able to fill the role with his work schedule. Doug motioned to replace George as chair and Chris second.

The board completed the process of electing new chairs. Hanna Wooten was elected the new Chair. Chris motioned to have Hanna as chair and Doug second. The board welcomes her and the knowledge she brings. Darcy Fritz was nominated as co chair. Doug motioned to have Darcy as co chair and Hanna second. The board would also like to thank Darcy for her continued involvement and her new role with the board and community. Doug DeYoung remains as secretary and would like to thank Bob for the congratulatory pencil. Emily will have an excused absence from the board until June due to the birth of her first born. She will be missed and the board is anxious for her return.

2. Tree Protection Bill

Christopher Stalder

Chris brought to the attention a bill in State legislature that would create standards to the newly created law which overrides local municipalities tree ordinance.

Current law passed recently allows a property owner to remove any tree which an Arborist or Landscape Architect deems unsafe and is exempt from getting a permit nor relocating the tree. The property owner does have to supply the city with the report prior to commencement.

The board will monitor this legislation.

3. Tree Ordinance / Protection 48-63 (d) (3)h

Richard Weinsier

The board, with the guidance of the city manager, discussed the board's participation in future tree removal request.

When asked to review future tree permits, a board member will visit the site with the home owner or his representative.

Pictures will be taken of all marked trees to be removed. Upon home owner's completion of removal. The board member will return to the site to verify correct trees were removed.

4. City Tree Pruning

Richard Weinsier

The board had the privilege to hear Derrek, Director of public works. Pruning of the trees within the city parks was discussed. The board will work on supplying public works with information and guidance on tree pruning per ISA standards.

The future pruning of Crepe myrtles was also discussed.

5. Roadside Mowing

Chris Stalder

Chris suggested that we, as a community, designate areas of the city's roadsides to sit fallow to allow native flowers to develop at certain times of year.

The board will discuss this topic further at the next meeting and devise a plan to back the city against controversy.

6. Lethal Bronzing

Hanna Wooten

Hanna pointed out to the board that one of the palms at Nela bridge is declining and there is a great possibility it is due to Lethal Bronzing.

This is a non curable and contagious disease of palms and affects certain species more than others. Hanna's concern is of the same species of palm on the other side of the bridge and its susceptibility.

If caught in the very early stages, injection into the cambium could be beneficial.

Doug motioned to have Phytoplasma tested for the disease and Hanna seconded.

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on May 9, 2022 at:

Belle Isle City Hall

1600 Nela Ave

Belle Isle, Florida 32809

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

Pollinator Garden

Spring Fling wrap up discussion

Florida bill concerning municipalities tree removal
Roadside pollinator areas

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by Richard Weinsier.

Minutes submitted by: Douglas Deyoung

Minutes approved by: The Tree Board