

**City Of Belle Isle**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Tree board**  
**July 18, 2024**  
**6:30 PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

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

**Present at Meeting:**

Richard Weinsier  
Christopher Stalder  
Sue Nielsen  
Douglas DeYoung

The regular meeting of the Tree board of City Of Belle Isle was called to order at 6:38 PM on July 18, 2024 at Belle Isle City Hall by Richard Weisner.

**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. 2\$ Per Capita Tree Fund

Richard Weinsier

The board discussed answers to questions submitted to the city manager. The board questioned the use of funds budgeted for urban forestry. The monies required to be used towards urban forestry as part of tree city USA was questioned as to how it is spent. The city manager explained it goes towards tree trimming, stump grinding, hurricane prep. , raising tree canopies etc.

The board reviewed the tree trimming quadrants and which quadrant we are trimming this year. Inviting the city appointed tree service Jesse Scott and Albert Moore to a meeting to discuss the yearly comprehensive tree plan as to clarity what is being done and when was also discussed.

2. Absentee

Richard

Richard, for the record , motioned to excuse Doug DeYoung from missing the last . Sue second the motion and was unanimously approved.

3. Tree Dedication Ceremony

Doug DeYoung

A discussion about the timing of the dedication of the newly planted centennial tree and the recognition of a 100-year-old legacy tree in the same park was discussed. The date for the dedication ceremony was decided to be September 7th at 10:30. Local officials and county leaders will be invited. Doug will attend the city council meeting week prior to the event to invite the city mayor and commissioners.

4. New Resident Flyer

Richard

The board finalized a flyer which will be handed out to the new residence of Belle Isle. The flyer will introduce them to the city and our tree city USA designation. Attached to the flyer will be 2 coupons for new residence to use to acquire free small trees from the board if they attend a meeting. A flash drive will accompany the flyer with pertinent city information concerning city hall, city staff, waste pick up etc. The actual cost of the trees and local nursery will be sourced by Doug as to logistics and feasibility.

Sue motioned to approve the flyer and Chris seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

5. Budget

Richard

Richard submitted a budget to the city for the tree board for \$7000. The city responded with a tree board budget of \$6000.

The board discussed the use of the \$6000. The annual Arbor day event, Tree give aways, a tree trimming coupon for a resident, planting 2 - 3 new trees in a city park and raffling of a tree at city events were all discussed.

6. Arbor Day

Richard

The board had a brief discussion on Arbor Day. The date was moved up to February 22nd to more closely align with Arbor Day in Florida and the weather will be more enjoyable.

The board will open it up to Duke Energy, mosquitos control, forestry service, PC historical society,, solar companies , OUC , Nav board any city and county division who would like to attend. Food trucks, animal presentation and other activities were discussed as well. Richard will go to a special events committee meeting to request their assistance.

7. Tree Removal Permit

Richard

The board finalized revisions to the tree removal permit. The permit fee was raised to \$35. Among other changes are:

If a city arborist is required, the resident will be responsible for the cost

Trees to be removed will be marked with a large red X

Replacement trees will be inspected as to viability 1 year after planting.

The board also changed the fines for removal of healthy trees without a permit. 4" up to

24" DBH the fine will be \$100 per inch. The fine for removal of a tree with DBH {diameter breast height} above 24" will be \$200 per inch. Trees above 24" are considered Legacy trees and the board wants to protect them best we can. One other change was the number of replacement trees was clarified as to inch range needed. Doug motioned to approve changes and Sue seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on August 08, 2024, at:  
Belle Isle City Hall  
1600 Nela Ave  
Belle Isle, Florida 32809

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM by Richard Weisner.

Minutes submitted by: Douglas DeYoung

Minutes approved by: Douglas DeYoung