

**City Of Belle Isle**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Tree advisory Board**  
**May 9, 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

The regular meeting of the Tree advisory Board of City Of Belle Isle was called to order at 6:35 PM on May 9, 2022 at Belle Isle City Hall by Hannah Wooten.

**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 Day / Spring Fling

Hannah Wooten

Committee discussed the event and what we can do better next year to increase attendance.

Board discussed more marketing. Advertise in the Conway paper. Advertise at Cornerstone and put it in the weekly chatter.

Develop signs just for our event that states Arbor Day event. Make sure it is included on facebook and other social medias. Start advertising sooner. Richard brought up the idea of combining the event with the Easter egg hunt to capture a audience.

Over all the board thought the event was well organized, nice setup and well attended by vendors.

The use of Wallace field was also discussed to increase visibility.

The board thanks the special events committee for a job well done on their end.

Hannah volunteered to help the committee with the social media aspect of the event next year.

2. Pollinator Bed

Douglas DeYoung

The committee reviewed potential locations for a pollinator garden at city hall. Placement could be around the existing bench in the park west of city hall. The board wants to use the design, already put in place for the fountain garden that was to reside in the island across from the front door of city hall. The addition of a structure or structures to grow pollinator vines will be incorporated. Doug will retrofit existing landscape plane to new area and board will review at next meeting.

3. Pollinator Garden Roadsides

Douglas DeYoung

The board discussed creating a pilot project to showcase the use of areas of Belle Isles roadsides as wildflower/pollinator areas.

The board would like to use the potential garden that could be installed at city hall as a demonstration.

The board feels some of the city common areas ,weather parks or roadsides, would be enhance .

Discussion on some rejection within the community took place. Educating public on benefits and resource savings ,

visual attractiveness and helping the dwindling bee and butterfly population.  
Board brought to light how many surrounding municipalities have pollinator programs.  
Doug to research how to initiate and install a municipal garden.

4. Palm Tree At Nela Bridge

Hannah Wooten

Hanna revisited the decline of one of the Sylvester palms at Nela bridge. Last meeting , she offered to get a sample of the dead tree to confirm its cause of death.

Hannah retrieve a sample and confirmed it was Lethal Bronzing that killed the tree. The existing live tree on the other side of the road does not have it at this time. The board agreed to remove the dead tree to eliminate it infecting other trees.

The city could begin a fungicide injection program in the alive Sylvester to help prevent the palm from succumbing to the Lethal Bronzing. This comes at a cost and will relay to the city council.

5. Tree Permits

Douglas DeYoung

The board had a brief discussion about helping follow up on existing permits.  
The board will discuss with the city manager how we can help or participate.

6. News Letter

Hannah Wooten

Hannah will supply a article for the second quarter news letter

Chris Stalder motioned to adjourn and Darcy second

#### **IV. Consideration of New Business**

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

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on June 13, 2022 at:

Belle Isle City Hall  
1600 Nela Ave  
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The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

Pollinator Garden at city hall  
City tree permit assistance  
upcoming events  
Roadside pollinator areas

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM by Hannah Wooten.

Minutes submitted by: Douglas Deyoung

Minutes approved by: The Tree Board