

City Of Belle Isle
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Tree Board
February 8, 2021
6:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

City Hall
1600 Nela Ave
Belle Isle, Florida 32809

Present at Meeting: Holly Bobrowski

Richard Weinsier
Emily Wakley
Christopher Staider
Douglas DeYoung

The regular meeting of the Tree Board of City Of Belle Isle was called to order at 6:32 PM on February 8, 2021 at City Hall by Holly Bobrowski.

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. New Board Member

Holly Bobrowski

A potential new board member, George Travis , was introduced. He has recently moved to he Belle Isle area and works for a Central Florida Landscape company. He heard about a opening from a current city board member . He wants to get involved with his local community and looks forward sitting on the tree board.

Holly Bobrowski asked for as motion to put Georges name in front of city council to be approved to the tree board. Christopher Stalder first and Richard Weinsier second the motion.

2. City Master Plan

Holly Bobrowski

The board discussed reviewing the new city master sidewalk and pedestrian plan with regards to the affect it will have on the city's legacy trees. This new plan will also affect other tree species as well. Holly Bobrowski will draft a letter to the city manager ,Bob Francis , to allow the tree board to help decide sidewalk positioning and its impact on the tree scape.

3. Tree Replacement

Richard Weinsier

Richard discussed with the board the lack of tree replacements over the past few years. The board agreed that our tree line is diminishing due to removal from storms and also the new tree law allowing the removal of trees without a permit if it meets the prerequisite set forth and verified by a landscape architect or certified arborist. Following up with existing permits and insuring their compliance is a start.

4. Arbor Day Event

Holly Bobrowski

Christopher suggested a scavenger hunt through the city parks to get people interested in the parks and landscape. The board agreed but need a more passive celebration due to covid.

The board has gravitated towards creating a native pollinator bed at city hall. The board reviewed a island bed in need of landscaping . Holly mentioned and the board agreed to coordinate project with the possible addition of a water feature.

Emily suggested a few local nurseries that can supply plants as well as adding a bee box to the garden.

Holly will contact the city manager with idea and get back with the board

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on March 8, 2021 at:

Belle Isle City Hall

160 Nela Ave

Belle Isle, Florida 32809

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

Update on arbor day event

Addition of new board member

City master plan

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 Pm PM by Holly Bobrowski.

Minutes submitted by: Douglas Deyoung

Minutes approved by: Tree Board