



Bel Aire Tree Board

CITY HALL – SENIOR CENTER

Monday May 22, 2023

6:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order: By Chairperson Rebecca Armstrong

II. Roll Call:

- a. Sylvia McCombs y
- b. Gary Northwall y
- c. Hilde Yops n
- d. Bruce Roepke y
- e. Jesse Miller y
- f. Emily Ryder n
- g. Rebecca Armstrong y

III. Guests: none

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Action: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Tree Board meeting.

Motion: Gary Second: Bruce Vote: all yes

v. Board Member Reports/Comments

Sylvia: Update on City Hall Facebook/Website: The connection with Tristan Terhune has been made with Jesse Miller and now Jesse has taken over the duties of connecting to the city with Tree Board information and events.

Hilde: NA

Gary: Talked to Marty McGee about fluffing mulch. We can do this but

must notify them. Will check to see what they need and will let us know.

Bruce: Japanese Maple trees have started but will take years to get big.

Jesse: Will begin the communication with Tristan on Tree Board events and their presence on Facebook.

Rebecca: Many more trees survived than expected. Have 23 trees growing at the school.

VI. Old Business:

A. Discuss Arbor Day Event:

- a. Nice things about it:** The trees were already planted. The Mayor Jim Benage and Tristan Terhune came. Bel Aire Breeze Taylor Messick came to take pictures.
- b. What to improve on:** Try to get more people involved. Advertise along with the Shredding and e-waste event flier that went out. Give away free trees. [Discussion that October is a better time to plant trees. Maybe have a Tree Planting event at that time.

B. Other: When and where to fluff: Keep track of time. Gary will check and then see what can be done. Can Fluff anytime.

VII. New Business:

- 1. Brainstorm: What do you want to see happen here in Bel Aire?**
 - a. More Educational events
 - b. Give away trees to Bel Airians
 - c. Pics of Cool trees in Bel Aire
- 2. What do you want to get involved in?**
 - a. No one was sure what was possible so more information is needed.

3. How can we make these things happen?

a. Events/Activities for 2023-2024.

a. October Fest: possible tree planting demonstration and tree giveaways like the Tree Board once did.

Research on how they got their trees and where needs to be done.

b. Spring Fest: Not the best time to plant a tree but maybe some other educational activity and restoration activity would work. More discussion is needed.

c. Night Out: no comments about how to improve.

d. Educational:

i. Schools: Trees are not mulched and frequently die. Could a relationship with the schools to mulch the trees be possible?

ii. other:

VIII. Adjournment:

Action: Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Jesse Second: Bruce Vote: all yes

Meeting adjourned at: _7:10 pm

NAME	DATE	ACTIVITIES	
Gary	May 23	Meeting minutes/prep	2
Bruce	May 23	Meeting	1.5
Jesse	May 23		1.5
Sylvia	May 23		1.5
Emily	May 23	Meeting minutes	1
Rebecca	May 23	Trees NEM. prep meeting.	3.5
			11.0 hr