

City Of Belle Isle
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Tree Board
October 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

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

Present at Meeting:

Chris Stalder / Richard Weinsier / Angela Lanam / Douglas DeYoung

The regular meeting of the Tree board of Belle Isle was called to order at 6:33 PM on October 8, 2026, at Belle Isle City Hall by Richard Weinsier.

The September minutes were motioned to approve by Chris Stalder and seconded by Angi Lanam. They were unanimously approved.

1. The board met with Marilyn Montes concerning her desire to participate in the Arbor Day event. Marilyn owns a business in the green industry, and she wants to use the event as a outreach to the community. The board agreed it would be a good fit for the event and will allow her to set up a table. Marilyn will also be raffling off 2 trees at the event which she will deliver to the winners. As the discussion progressed, Richard asked Marilyn if she would be interested in joining the board and she stated she was. Marilyn will be sending her information and request to join the board so it can be presented to City Council for approval.

2. The upcoming Arbor Day event was discussed. Richard asked the rest of the board for an update on contacting participants on their list.

Angi will be overseeing the kid's arts and crafts table along with cotton candy for the kids. They will be set up in the 10x20 tent available from the police department. Face painting and art contest participation is too far out and will circle back with the school in January. Angi will also contact the fire department to save the date. The seed and plant swap table was also agreed upon to continue with the help of Marilyn upon her Council approval.

Chris confirmed his involvement and Swamp Girl would like to attend if she does not have a conflict. Her charge is \$300 to attend with her animals. Chris still will contact Mosquito control and Orange County drug free coalition.

Doug has confirmed the Boy Scouts, Cone Zone, Camel Toe Taco, Forestry Service and Orange County Medical Clinic. Doug will reach out to the Forestry Service asking them to pay for the giveaway trees as they did last year. The board is thinking about 40 assorted trees including some understory trees.

Richard has confirmed Belle Isle Police department, as well as Belle Isle administration. JJs confirmed donations of various giveaway items. FFA expressed interest and Richard will reconnect with them again. O-town composting will not be attending but the board will purchase some backyard composting equipment to raffle off.

3. Community Garden update. A survey has been emailed to residence on the City's email list, and 20 responses have come back with 9 positive and 1 against.

Orange County has reached out to us and offered a smaller area at Warren Park for the community garden which would consist of up to 10 gardens. The board was hoping to have room for 20 with options to expand. We are hoping for a favorable response to the survey to help increase the number of gardens we can ask for. Some current concerns with the garden are food spoiling or stolen, weeds and lack of upkeep and how to fund on-going care. Angi will be adding the survey to the CCA chatter and Conway Community website.

4. Boo-gie on the Bridge was discussed and how to acquire candy to give out. After reaching out to the Special Events committee, they will have a table with candy to give out and offered to share it with our board. Some of our board members will be at the event to share Community Garden and Recycling flyers with the residents.