

# BELLEAIR PARK AND TREE BOARD MEETING

**September 10, 2013**

**Present:** Kathy Gaston, Kurt Steinman, Lissa Dexter, Paul Cozzie

**Absent:** Amy Welch, Rob Bender, Dudley Scott

**Present:** Tom Shelly, Commission Advisor; Ricky Allison, Parks Supervisor;  
Eric Wahlbeck, Parks and Recreation Director  
Micah Maxwell, Town Manager

Meeting called to order by Paul Cozzie at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of September 15, 2013. Kathy Gaston voted to accept, second by Kurt Steinman. Minutes approved.
2. **Election of officers:** Dudley Scott, Chairman. Nominated by Kathy Gaston, second by Paul Cozzie, Unanimous approval. Paul Cozzie volunteered to be co-chairman. Approved by the board. Secretary, Rob Bender. Nominated by Kathy Gaston, second by Lissa Dexter.
3. **Park Planning Process:** Eric Wahlbeck: As a result of the last Belleair Commission meeting, it was decided to review the Park and Open Space Review Process. It was suggested to Micah Maxwell, Town Manager, that a budget for a project might be presented first and then plans made afterward. In this way there would be better direction for Ricky Allison, Eric Wahlbeck and the Park Board.
4. **Winston Park Renovations:** Eric Wahlbeck said he was pleased overall that most of the proposed upgrade for Winston Park was passed by the Belleair Commission. Lissa Dexter said she had contacted Karla Rhestatt about the possibility of raising funds through the Belleair Foundation for some of the amenities, but Karla said that they continue to work on Hunter Park.
5. **Park Supervisor.** No official report. Ricky Allison said that the tree trimming continues to be done. There are 2,000 palms and 1,000 have been trimmed. Air potato beetles have been released to help control this invasive plant. The beetles are similar in appearance to lady bugs with no spots.
6. **Parks and Recreation Director:** Eric Wahlbeck said that improvements are slated for Gardenia, North and South, Barbara Circle and Garden Circle. Kurt Steinman asked about Waterfall Park and the cleanup. He suggested that some young people might volunteer to earn community hours by helping with park cleanup and other projects. Eric thought this was a good idea and will look into it.

7. Commissioner Advisor's Report: Tom Shelly felt that the Belleair Commission had a most of the Winston Park project and that some of the amenities such as playground equipment might be added at another time. He believes that the kayak launch is no longer feasible.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lissa Dexter, Secretary