BHNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2026

	In Attendance:	Absent:
1. Eliza Hawkins	X	
2. Casey McLaughlin	X (Zoom)	
3. Mary Kay Falconer	X	
4. Donna Legare		X (excused)
5. Jim Ward	X	
6. Tom Schulte	X	
7. Nancy Leiva-Krause		X (excused)
8. Bill Behenna	X	
9. Mari-Jo Lewis-Wilkinson	X	
10. Amber Ward		X (excused)
11. Ron Salutsky		X (excused)
12. Baia Terracciano	X	
13. Bert Combs	X	
14. Randy Murrell		X (excused)

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.**

2. **Prospective board member meet & greet:** Trent Janasiewicz

3. **Minutes of the September 21, 2026 Board Meeting were approved.**

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Schulte presented the Treasurer's report.

5. **Fall Newsletter.** The Board discussed the production and distribution of the Fall Newsletter and noted neighbors' positive comments.

6. **Fall Fest.** The Board discussed the feasability of a "makeup" Fall Fest but given logistical challenges of finding a suitable date, rescheduling activities, and recruiting volunteers, decided instead to put extra effort into its Spring Fest 2027 event. The date for Spring Fest is to be determined.

7. **2027 Officer Slate.** Jim Ward presented the Board with a list of the President's duties and tasks to be considered for transitioning to a new president in 2027.

The decision on a slate of officers and further discussion of reassigning various duties was deferred until the November meeting.

8. **Use of BHNA funds to support neighbors/parks.** Mary Kay Falconer presented two ideas to encourage the planting of native plants and increasing our neighborhood's tree canopy. First, organizing a tour of gardens in Betton Hills, focusing on yards that use native plants in their landscaping, and purchasing native plants for tour participants. Second, buying trees/saplings to give to Arbor Day volunteers. Mary Kay will develop a more formal proposal with projected costs for the November Board meeting. She also presented the idea of asking Betton Hills children to create pictures of their favorite trees and presenting a small participation gift to each young artist.

9. **Tree Service link on BHNA website.** The Board discussed the request of Tallahassee Tree Service Co. to link to its hurricane preparation guide from the Betton Hills website. After discussion, the Board decided to decline the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 16th at 7:00 PM at Eliza's house.