BHNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2026

1. To begin the meeting with good news, Jim advised the Board the grant for the Bat House in Harriman Pond Park was approved, with funding effective in October. Education/outreach to the neighborhood regarding the planned Bat House will occur before installation.

2. Minutes of May 18, 2026 Board Meeting approved, and the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

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

3. Tom presented the Treasurer's report.

4. FSU ESP work day will be held at McCord Park on Saturday 9/5, 9-11am.

5. Food Truck Thursday on 9/10 (UPDATE: cancelled due to inclement weather). Jim indicated the Board may discuss the potential for a makeup date.

6. Fall newsletter planning (including ad sponsors) - MJ will edit this edition, and set a deadline of Sunday 9/20 for submission of articles. Release date goal is on or close to 10/1. A motion was also presented to solicit paid sponsorship ads for the newsletter, with a maximum of four (4) quarter-page ads, priced at $200 each. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Fall Fest planning (Sun., 10/11, 3-6pm) - Ron has secured permits, and Baia and MJ will help Mary Kay with Kids Zone activities. Board member assignments were

accepted for setup and breakdown. Jim's lined up 3 savory food trucks, the Lofty Ice Cream Bus, and a coffee unit; still looking for one more dessert truck. Live music (Clever Girl band) has been secured, and St. Francis will be there with Willow the Owl and other animals. Nancy will work on table decorations, and other details will be discussed at our September meeting.

8. Holiday (Xmas) house decorating contest - Penny Herman Realty to sponsor.

9. 2027 Officer slate - Jim is planning to move off President role, likely at the end of the 2026 calendar year. Due to health issues, Bill declined accepting the Presidency, so a successor will be determined. Efforts will increase to recruit new Board members.

10. McCord cleanup station (trash grabbers) - MJ proposed but discussion will continue.

11. Potential fiscal year conversion – Christian Weiss proposed shifting the BHNA fiscal year to the calendar year, and the subsequent motion passed unanimously. As part of this discussion, Jim proposed moving to "tiered members" based on the level of dues contributions. Jim's column in the fall newsletter will discuss all of this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 21st at 7:00pm at Eliza's house.