

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2018

Present: Sandy Pommerening, Christine Torkelson, Wendy Sukowatey, Karen Schwenkner, Georgia Berther
Absent: Wendy Johaneck, Katheline Finn, Elizabeth Kunze

1. **Call meeting to order** – Chairperson, Sandy Pommerening brought the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
2. **Minutes** – Minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. **2017 Yearly Review**

Plant Sale – We did not sell as many plants as in previous years. The weather at the time of the sale was probably a major factor.

Tree Sale – Christine reported that we sold a total of 22 trees in 2017. Christine suggested we could coordinate the tree sale with the plant sale to help increase sales; also promote the fact that the trees were suggested by Forester Ron Hill and do very well in our community.

Beautification Awards – Special thanks to Wendy Johaneck for organizing and coordinating the process of choosing the winners and the success of the awards ceremony. Also discussed inviting the Board of Trustees, the Village President and Forester Ron Hill to the Awards Ceremony in the future.

Veterans Park – Wendy Sukowatey, Christine Torkelson and Sandy Pommerening met with Dave DeAngelis, Village Manager, in December to discuss the process of adding a monument in Veterans Park. A copy of the December meeting notes are added to these minutes. Also discussed ideas for fundraising, if the project is approved.

4. **New Business**
 - A. Appoint a Treasurer
 - B. Decorating the Library window display for 2018. We will find out in January the dates assigned to our committee to promote our Plant and Tree Sale and the Beautification Awards
5. Next Meeting: March 7, 2018
6. Meeting adjourned: 9:25 am

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Berther
Secretary

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Veteran's Park Sub Committee Meeting
December, 2017

Present: Wendy Sukowatey, Christine Torkelson, Sandy Pommerening

Discussion:

- Wendy and Christine met with Dave DeAngelis, Village Manager; Wendy also met with Tom Harrigan
- Dave had a monument in mind for the Park: a semi-circle of three pillars
- Location would be in the corner behind the Blue Star Marker (a lone Maple tree may need to be removed)
- Ideas discussed:
 - o Triangular pillars of polished granite, 3-6'T
 - o Single American flag on site, lit through solar lighting (VFW may wish to donate/support)
 - o Brass plaques representing each of the armed forces
 - o Contact Halquist Stone to determine possible material (Halquist may live in EG)
 - o Possible dedication on Veteran's Day, November 19, 2019
 - o Funding (involve the Business Association)
- Must do's before presentation to Recreation and Public Works Committees:
 - o Check on stone
 - o Secure architect
 - o Select artist
 - o Write presentation
 - o Create timeline
- Christie suggested we contact UWM to secure an architectural student who may need a project (Christie to follow-up on this possibility)
- Gather additional input from Beautification committee