

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 5th, 2022

Present: Deb Baesemann, Amy Forecki, Katie Forecki, Becky Rintelmann, Anne Spalholz, Nicci Sternitzky

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:38 pm
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Treasurer report: Shared report with committee.
4. Bird City WI: reviewed the meeting on Dec 11th to gather together residents wanting to support the designation. It was a huge success with a lot of wonderful ideas and participants present.
5. Bee City USA: Will ask Melinda to speak about pollinators and native plants. Will consider having plants/garden designs for sale at our native plant sale on Saturday, June 4th, 2022. Bee City renewal due by 2/28/22 and have started working on it.
6. Tree Sale: Sold a total of 45 trees, but had to order 55 in order to round each species up to 5. Still have 3 elm, 3 maple, and 4 KCT left to sell. Will publicize again and remind residents that trees can be purchased for donation to the village.
7. Invasive Species Task Force: discussed promotion of goats to increase awareness about invasive species. Ideas presented include: library window, newspaper article(s), children's programs and reading lists. Will get final information and details about when the goats will be here as currently have rough May/June time frame.
8. Book Sale: ongoing sale of three books—Lynn Steiner's *Landscaping with Native Plants of Wisconsin* (\$20), Doug Tallamy's books, *Bringing Home Nature* (\$20) and *Nature's Best Hope* (\$25-hardcover). Have 10, 7, and 10 books, respectively remaining to sell.
9. Book Club: all planned books for 2022 decided upon and village website updated. Next meeting 1/12/22 at Brookfield Public Library Rotary Room at 6:30pm.
10. Lecture series: next lecture scheduled for Feb 17th—Danielle Bell from Native Roots, LLC on "Companion Plantings". More ideas for additional lecturers for 2022-23 provided (attempting to coordinate with Book Club books).
11. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: grant approved for \$2500 and quote from Danielle Bell in process. Committee and other volunteers to do prep work and planting—will reach out to NHS, SEED Club, and Boy Scouts to see if volunteer hours needed.
12. Earth/Arbor Day celebration: Shrub order for 150 bare root shrubs placed. Will work nicely in conjunction with birding lecture on March 15th. Discussed how to coordinate timing with possible park events to increase foot traffic. Planning for either April 23rd or April 30th.
13. Beautification Committee closet clean out scheduled for Jan 15th at 10am.
14. Next meeting: scheduled for February 2nd at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
15. Adjournment: 7:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky
chair