

## ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2023

Present: Deb Baesemann, Amy Forecki, Katie Forecki, James Lange, Lorinda Patzner, Becky Rintelmann, Anne Spalholz, Nicci Sternitzky

Guests: Jamis Bruening

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:29 pm.
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes.
3. Treasurer report: reviewed 2023 expenses and reminded everyone of shared budget document.
4. Bird City WI: next meeting for Birders of the Grove is Feb 27th at 0900 in the Park View Room, reviewed activities planned for E+A Day including Great Wisconsin Birdathon, a lead Waterfowl Walk around the park pond, make and take bird feeder, and Bird Call Bingo.
5. Bee City USA: finishing up yearly renewal due 2/28/23.
6. Mailchimp: briefly discussed pros and cons of obtaining an account and how it could help our group.
7. Invasive Species Task Force: reminder that we have our PullerBear Tree Puller.
8. Book Sale: will bring 6 books to upcoming lectures and book clubs.
9. Book Club: Next meeting is 2/22/23—*What The Robin Knows* by Jon Young. April book changed to *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson.
10. Early/Woodland plant sale: commenced a soft roll out of plant sale to see how new format will work—all via a google form. First two orders are in. Planning for 5/5 delivery with 5/6 pick-up.
11. June 3rd plant sale: order placed includes 7 herbs, 57 perennials, 5 grasses for a total of 104 flat of plants (1474 plants total), 3 varieties of milkweed purchased that will be free with \$10 purchase.
12. Shrub sale: decided to order more shrubs than previously—have 6 varieties to choose from, total of 200—American elderberry, gray dogwood, Rugosa Rose, Black Chokeberry, June serviceberry, and Nannyberry viburnum. Discussed how to best organize shrub distribution at E&A day.
13. Lecture series: Luke Cashin doing recordings for us. Next lecture is on 2/15—Chuck Hagner. April lecturer replaced with John Harrigan, head gardener at Parkside 23. Have all 6 lecturers for next year set.
14. National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat Certification: officially certified 1/27/23! Met before meeting to finalize press release and work on publicity plan. Will ask about signs for village entrance. Celebration planned at E&A Day celebration.
15. Mayors' Monarch Pledge: will suggest to village manager and president
16. Earth and Arbor Day celebration: discussed making zero-waste event given food trucks willing to handout compostable service items. Reviewed vendors/booths. Discussed music options. Library bulletin board reserved from 3/27 to 4/10.
17. Newsletter: recently published and distributed via email. Will assure on website and printed. Next one in May.
18. Park and Creek clean up: Trustee John Schindler already planning a April 22nd creek clean up in conjunction with his Riverkeeper duties—planning to work together to expand the clean up to all of the Elm Grove Underwood Creek area, the park, and the village. Planning for group photo—Deb arranging for drone shot with “Monet” bridge in background.
19. No Mow May: voted to purchase 50 more signs (total of ~143); focus on “The More You Know, The Less You Mow” portion of the concept.
20. Next meeting: scheduled for March 1st at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
21. Adjournment: 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicci Sternitzky  
chairperson