

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2023

Present: Deb Baesemann, Katie Forecki, James Lange, Nicci Sternitzky

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:46 pm.
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes.
3. Treasurer report: not available for review
4. Bird City WI: next meeting for Birders of the Grove is April 3rd at 0900 in the Park View Room, reviewed activities planned for E+A Day including Great Wisconsin Birdathon, three separate lead walks around the park pond (Lisa Becker, Kelly Mathwick, and Sam Dusek), make and take bird feeder.
5. Bee City USA: yearly renewal completed 2/11/23.
6. Book Sale: will bring 6 books to upcoming lectures and book clubs.
7. Book Club: Next meeting is 3/19/23—Buzz, Sing, Bite: Why We Need Insects by Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson. April book changed to *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson.
8. 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 three orders are in. Orders due by 4/1. Planning for 5/5 delivery with 5/6 pick-up and payment.
9. 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.
10. 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. 87 shrubs sold already. Plans confirmed how to best organize shrub distribution at E&A day—will separate, label, and package on 4/28.
11. Lecture series: Luke Cashin doing recordings for us. Next lecture is on 3/15—Barb Agnew on Monarch conservation. April lecturer replaced with John Harrigan, head gardener at Parkside 23. Have all 6 lecturers for next year set.
12. National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat Certification: Press release complete, article coming in March. Governor's office has approved resolution—to be read at our Earth and Arbor Day celebration.
13. Mayors' Monarch Pledge: will be completed by village president at 3/27 trustees meeting
14. Earth and Arbor Day celebration: discussed making zero-waste event given food trucks willing to handout computable service items. Reviewed vendors/booths. Discussed music options. Library bulletin board reserved from 3/27 to 4/10. Becky proposed idea for nature themed basket for our Beautification Committee table.
15. 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. Sweet Water planning infiltration workshop in Community room after 4/22 event.
16. 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.
17. Next meeting: scheduled for March 1st at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
18. Adjournment: 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nicci Sternitzky
chairperson