

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020

Present: Nicci Sternitzky, Sandy Pommerening, Neil Palmer (guest)

Absent: Katheline Finn, Karen Schwenker, Deb Baseman, Jodi Perrone

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 08:35 am.
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes (Oct 2019) not reviewed
3. Treasurer report: per Ms. Stredni there is \$4145 balance
4. Meeting time: Discussed having in evenings rather than as previously set in past years at 08:30 am. Will poll interested members as committee grows to assure maximum participation.
5. Membership and Community involvement: Awaiting to hear from Mr. DeAngelis as to whether or not we can start a Facebook page to help spread the news of events and recruit new members to the group. Will reach out to other groups within the village, recruit using upcoming library windows, and publicize in publications that new members are needed.
6. Bee City USA designation: Mr. Palmer present to provide a very helpful "Municipal Leaders Solution Guide for Monarch Preservation". Nicci will present the Bee City resolution to the Board of Trustees at the upcoming meeting on March 23rd at 7:30pm
7. Upcoming plant sale: Decided on May 23rd for the date (warmer than Mother's Day weekend and doesn't conflict with other plant sales in the area). Order placed weeks ago, but can add to order until one week before. Will continue to review order to assure adequate. Currently have 43 varieties and 548 plants ordered. Plan to sell for \$5 each, with plugs of black-eyed susan's at 2 for \$5. Will need to finalize herb choices. Will contact Master Gardeners to assure plants from home gardens can get inspected for jumping worms prior to sale.
8. Tree sale 2020-2021: Have spoken with Ron Hill (forester) and Paul Schwabe from Johnson Nursery and will start taking orders in June when tree list comes from supplier. Will plan for bare root trees delivered in spring 2021 as easier for homeowners to transport and plant.
9. Garlic mustard event: Planning two events at the Village Park to help eradicate garlic mustard there. Events currently planned for 4/11 and 5/16 with rain dates the following days. Events will begin with short educational program discussing the history of garlic mustard and why it is so important for our village to work to eradicate it, including a taste test and nutritional value. Lots more publicity and volunteers needed as hope for 50 volunteers at each date.
10. Library windows: Currently reserved for April 6-11 and May 4-9 to help promote the Beautification Committee and all of the planned activities. Will need volunteers to help plan and set-up
11. Other business: Upcoming community events
 1. March 10 - Webinar on Creating Monarch Habitats in Schools and Communities (www.epa.gov)
 2. March 14 - Spring Workshop at Retzer Nature Center
 3. March 18 - Wild Ones lecture on Milkweed
 4. March 24 - Elm Grove library speaker on Vegetable Gardening by top gardening blogger Megan Cain
 5. April 18 - UW-Madison Arboretum's Susan Carpenter speaking at Mukwonago library on WI native bees
12. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:25 am. Next meeting scheduled for 4/1 at 6:30 pm (note the change in time)

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky
chairperson