

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2022

Present: Deb Baesemann, James Lange, Becky Rintelmann, Anne Spalholz, Nicci Sternitzky

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:30 pm
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Treasurer report: Still working on budgeting spreadsheet after completion of shrub and tree sale.
4. Bird City WI: Next meeting of "Birders of the Grove" is May 11th at 11 am in the Park View Room. Director of Bird City Wisconsin confirmed as one of next year's speakers. This year's Birdathon scheduled for May 14th at 9am. Now have 10 interested members in group! Deb brought Flying Wild book for group.
5. Bee City USA: discussed celebrating Pollinator Week June 20-26th—proclamation, mosquito dunk program, and invitation letter. Will plan for Mosquito Dunk program on 5/26.
6. No Mow May: Fifty-four registrants so far. Purchased another 50 signs for \$375. Found ideas for next year with raffle for mowing. Discussed ideas to get more registrants. Will place follow-up article in newspaper.
7. Tree Sale: Ron will get me location of donated trees for map. James had good idea to follow-up with tree care reminder.
8. Invasive Species Task Force: Anne has drafted PR plan for goat event. Just awaiting a date in order to set into motion. First date for ISTF Sundays will likely be 5/22.
9. 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 total of 16 books left to sell.
10. Book Club: Next meeting is 9/14/22 at Brookfield Public Library Rotary Room at 6:30pm, reading *The Biophilia Effect* by Clemens Arvay. Will do poll for following year's book this fall.
11. Lecture series: line-up for 2022-23 Winter lecture Series is set with 6 lecturers confirming. Will investigate how to record them for those that cannot attend.
12. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: will confirm 5/14 sod cutting and digging and 5/28 planting. Committee helped delineate strategy for planting 500 plants.
13. Shrub Sale: there were a few snafus that we need to iron out before next year.
14. Earth/Arbor Day celebration: it was a success! Discussed ideas to grow including back up in case of inclement weather—tent, indoors, picnic tables, more vendors, different location. Hoppe tree climb confirmed. Planning for Saturday, April 22, 2023.
15. Plant Sale: scheduled for June 4th. Have ordered 1048 plants (68 varieties of natives, 8 herbs). No neonicotinoids used on any plants—our supplier is using bio rational controls instead (beneficial nematodes and/or Neem oil). Amy made and laminated information for many of the plants to use at the sale. Will trial mosquito dunk program for Pollinator Week. Discussed how to get large table to event again—will ask Jodi and Mike Perrone who have graciously transported them in the past.
16. Membership: Will continue to seek new members. Now have 186 emails on our mailing list (up from 120 last month).
17. Community Partnerships: eager to collaborate with Community Foundation on upcoming projects, working with two Eagle Scouts on Rain Garden and Bee Hotel. Attended Junior Guild meeting yesterday.
18. Quarterly Newsletter: New tab on village website to view. Will plan next one for release this month.
19. Next meeting: scheduled for June 1st at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
20. Adjournment: 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nicci Sternitzky
chair