

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 1st, 2022

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

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:35 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 June 13th at 11 am in the Park View Room. Director of Bird City Wisconsin confirmed as one of next year's speakers. Re-submitting to High Flyer status a clarification in hopes of meeting criteria.
5. Bee City USA: Spent time discussing No Mow May and what we'd do differently next year. Discussed celebrating Pollinator Week June 20-26th—proclamation, mosquito dunk program. Will plan for Mosquito Dunk program on 5/26 at 11am during ISTF meeting time.
6. No Mow May: discussed ideas for 2023. Will write follow-up article for newspaper summarizing.
7. Tree Sale: Will make donated trees for map.
8. Invasive Species Task Force: goats were here from 5/23 to 5/30. Will start the Sunday meet ups on June 12th.
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 11 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 Arvey. Will do poll for following year's books in September.
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. Reserved O'Neill Room for all lectures except the November one—will be in the Community Room.
12. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: rain garden planted on 5/28 with Eagle Scouts. Will require watering until established, along with ongoing weeding.
13. Shrub Sale: discussed having early plant sale with woodland plants at time of shrub sale or Earth/Arbor Day sale.
14. Earth/Arbor Day celebration: Planning for Saturday, April 22, 2023.
15. Plant Sale: planned for this Saturday, spent time finalizing details for sale.
16. Membership: Will continue to seek new members. Now have 209 emails on our mailing list (up from 186 last month and 120 the month before that).
17. Community Partnerships: eager to collaborate with Community Foundation on upcoming projects, working with two Eagle Scouts on Rain Garden and Bee Hotel.
18. Quarterly Newsletter: New tab on village website to view. Will plan next one for release this month.
19. Next meeting: scheduled for July 6th at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
20. Adjournment: 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nicci Sternitzky
chair