

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 7th, 2021

Present: Deb Baesemann, Amy Forecki, Katie Forecki, Becky Rintelmann, Anne Spalholz, Nicci Sternitzky

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:32 pm
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Treasurer report: balance of \$8786.33 but plant sale charges/bill not yet paid
4. Plant Sale: final numbers showed 488 plants sold for profit of \$813.81. Next year will consider selling herbs as lots of interest shown in them. We have list of plants that sold out quickly which we will plan to order more of next year. Will prepare both color photos of plant combinations and sun/shade garden planting bed layout ideas to have available both online and the day of the sale. Banner at corner for publicity brought to bridge on the day of the sale.
5. Bird City WI: Birdathon finalized with \$905 raised (1/2 coming back to the village for bird related programs). Reviewed criteria for regular designation vs High Flyer status. Working on Bird of the Month idea with interested community members. Have a few people as potential lecturers for the lecture series.
6. Bee City USA: Discussed the intended observation bee hive at the north end of the pond. Still need to arrange photo for Bee City. Discussed DATCP pesticide registry—will send out reminders for sign up which is November to February. IPM resolution passed by village—will get added to Bee City portion of website and publicize.
7. Tree Sale: finalized the tree selection—Crescendo sugar maple, New Horizon elm, Hackberry, Swamp White Oak, and Kentucky Coffee Tree. Given the increase in prices, will need to raise the price we sell them for from \$80 to \$90.
8. Invasive Species Task Force: will work to increase awareness within the village for community volunteers to help us on Sundays at 11am since most of our SEED Club members are graduating seniors.
9. Publicity: will forward the list of article ideas and publications to everyone for input in article writing. Need to assure village website up to date. Will continue to look for ways by which to communicate with the community.
10. Book Sale: canceled order with Bulk Books and ordered with Target.com at slightly lower cost. Motion made to order more books and expand to Doug Tallamy's Bringing Home Nature if another sale price found.
11. Community Partnerships: not discussed
12. Book Club: Sept 15-*7th Generation Earth Ethics*, Oct 20th-*Our Native Bees*, Nov 17th-*Second Nature*. Made decision to have everyone choose their top 10 books from the list of 52 on the Bookclubz app and will tally up and find the top 7 books voted for to use as our 2022 books. Once decided upon will make more bookmarks to have displayed at the library and village hall that have our choices printed on both sides.
13. Public Space maintenance: Discussed all current projects—Monarch beds at the park, Indian Hills corners, and Veteran's park revitalization. Reviewed information

from the 2006 planning of Veteran's park and discussed what we could feasibly do to showcase the area.

14. History of the Elm Grove Park - not discussed.
15. Lecture series: we have 5 people that have committed to being speakers and another 4 possibilities. Decided will do "winter lecture series" from Sept-Nov and Jan-Mar. Will work to finalize date, place, topics.
16. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: will move forward with planning rain garden area for grant application to be prepped for this year and planted Spring 2022 assuming grant acceptance. Met with Ron Hill who measured out the space at 430 ft². It's east of the sidewalk path near the small gazebo where water discharges after the rain making mowing very difficult.
17. Next meeting: scheduled for August 4th at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
18. Adjournment: 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky
chair