

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
August 3rd, 2022

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

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:29 pm
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Treasurer report: Shared most recent audit ledger with committee.
4. Bird City WI: Next meeting of “Birders of the Grove” is August 15th at 9 am in the Park View Room. Monthly meeting will be the 3rd Monday of each month at 9am. Reviewed some of the ongoing projects the group is working on including the Instagram page.
5. Bee City USA: Discussed the WIBee app training that a UW-Madison grad student will teach on August 27th at 10 am and how to start publicizing event. Had a discussion with Kanavas employee regarding revamping their mosquito spraying program and how we could partner to make them a leader in pollinator friendly methods.
6. Monarch Map: Jennifer Morris raised caterpillars inside the library window display—it was a huge success and we were able to reach our goal of 100 dots on the map. Goal for 2024 is reach 200 dots via continued efforts throughout the next year.
7. Tree Sale: Will make 2021-22 donated trees for map. Discussed more details for trees for this fall’s sale. Idea for 2023 Tree Sale to encourage youth provided through library reading program coupon.
8. Invasive Species Task Force: Will publicize the Sunday meet ups at 11am via an email group. Discussed ideas on getting prairie restoration expert to provide recommendations for us on how to proceed with continued work around the pond and at Veteran’s Park.
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 9 books left to sell and will not purchase more once sold out.
10. Book Club: Next meeting is 9/22/22 at Brookfield Public Library Rotary Room at 6:30pm, reading The Biophilia Effect by Clemens Arvay. Discussed the idea of having a “wine and cheese event” for the Book Club in hopes of attracting more participants.
11. Lecture series: line-up for 2022-23 Winter lecture Series is set with 6 lecturers confirming. Still investigating how to record them for those that cannot attend. Reserved O’Neill Room for all lectures. Each lecturer is submitting synopsis. Library has agreed to help co-sponsor and publicize the talks.
12. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: Discussed required re-planting this fall in center of garden.
13. Adopt-A-Spot program: Tabled this month, but involves, as part of the Bee City USA designation, an idea by which village residents can maintain and plant an adopted space within the village. Still working on details of idea and its feasibility.
14. Calendar of events: compiled and will distribute with next committee email. Consideration for posting (and keeping updated) on village website was discussed. Will reach out to EGBA to see if they’d like the idea of doing a phenology calendar this year.
15. Next meeting: scheduled for September 7th at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
16. Adjournment: 7:44 pm—walked out to the rain garden and chatted about its progress and our future plans.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicci Sternitzky
chairperson