

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
August 4th, 2021

Present: Anne Spaltholz, 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: correction to plant sale profit—\$701.70 (\$813-taxes paid). Other costs: purchase of tent/equipment (\$103.47), Lynn Steiner books(\$118.02), camassia bulbs (\$167.50). Purchased 10 each of DOug Tallamy's first two books- \$275.60. Discussed payment of speakers vs. gift certificate purchase.
4. Plant Sale: via e-mail the group made decision to purchase *Camassia scilloides* bulbs (only native bulb to WI and endangered) to sell for \$6 each (tax included). Given community support of Monarch Map, will also be having Milkweed Sale—have ordered 192 plants in various sizes of 4 varieties of native plants. Planned for 8/21 at the Monarch Waystation beds.
5. Bird City WI: Review of designation shows attainment of High Flyer status likely.
6. Bee City USA: have dates for photo that to get maximum participation for photo
7. Tree Sale: is underway. Library window installed. Trees marked at the park. Next Door post made and first 2 orders have come in. Will work to increase publicity. Need new banner made.
8. Invasive Species Task Force: meeting every Sunday at 11 am at Veteran's Park
9. Publicity: Anne has agreed to be Communications director of committee
10. Book Sale: will be purchasing Doug Tallamy's first two books to sell at events
11. Community Partnerships: discussed ways to collaborate with other groups within the community (Junior Guild/Rain Garden?)
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.
14. Lecture series: spent lots of time discussing lecture series and who has confirmed, gifts for speakers, and what is left to do to finalize. Collaborating with other groups to bring Melinda Myers in as April speaker.
15. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: will check with Junior Guild or other community group to see if we can work together on a project
16. Next meeting: scheduled for September 1st at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
17. Adjournment: 7:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky
chair