

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
July 1, 2020

Present: Nicci Sternitzky, Katie Forecki, Lorinda Patzner, Deb Baesemann

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 06:39 pm.
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes (June 2020) reviewed
3. Treasurer report: total balance \$4898.83, plant sale profit \$955.35, donations total \$150, SEED Club still owes \$250
4. Plant Sale wrap up: Thank you notes to parking lot owners sent—hope to be able to hold 2021 sale in same place as worked well. Planning on Saturday, June 5th, 2021 for next year. Will reach out to UW Arboretum compiling plant sale list. Idea for pre-orders discussed.
5. BEHS SEED Club beds: students decided upon 11am every Sunday for ongoing maintenance. Multiple ideas for signage discussed. Will explore options. Scavenger hunt idea for increasing community involvement. Discussed “Milkweed Fluff Party”
6. Tree Sale: Have narrowed down to 6 tree species based on cross referencing the National Wildlife Foundation list and the Johnson nursery tree list and finalized by Ron Hill. Will get list finalized along with prices and start publicizing. Idea for “outdoor walking lecture” on trees to help promote sale.
7. Book Club: Have decided on Doug Tallamy's *Bringing Home Nature* and will plan for mid-September.
8. Bee City USA: Need to finalize signage for the village. Lengthy discussion on newspaper article from Appleton regarding study of bees related to spring lawn mowing practices. Will continue discussions with Lawrence University and Carroll professors regarding 2021 study in Elm Grove. Discussed signage awards to residents taking Pollinator Protection Pledge through Xerces Society. Will work on possibilities for signage based on Ashland, OR Bee City program.
9. Lecture series: essentially on hold during current pandemic. Can still be working on potential individuals for our proposed lectures once able to proceed. Idea for outdoor walking lecture to promote tree sale proposed.
10. Mentor/mentee idea: Proposed by Mary Rhodes based on Victory Gardens Initiative. Need to build pool of mentors before proceeding. Have potential mentees attend lecture to sign up for program, “30 Minutes to change your Brown Thumb into a Green Thumb” before signing up.
11. Public Space maintenance: discussed ideas to increase community involvement/education of the Elm Grove park. Will work to compile comprehensive history of the current park.
12. Vision statement, membership: updating our list, continuing to reach out to residents for more involvement
13. Next meeting: scheduled for August 5th at 6:30pm
14. Adjournment: 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky, Chairperson