

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 2nd, 2020

Present: Nicci Sternitzky, Amy Forecki, Lorinda Patzner, Becky Rintelmann

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 06:30 pm.
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Treasurer report: total balance unchanged (have tree sale purchases, but haven't paid for trees yet), awaiting \$250 from SEED Club
4. BEHS SEED Club beds: maintenance has been quite simple lately with much less weeding and have changed weekly focus to Invasive Species Task Force. Discussed possibility of using QRS code for the signage so that information could change with the seasons.
5. Tree Sale: Have 15 orders for 41 trees so far with 10 trees being donations. Discussed publicity via gift/legacy. Bring order forms to lecture on 9/12. Discussed idea for native shrub sale.
6. Book Club: Inaugural book Club planned for Sept 17th. Reviewed book choices for remainder of 2020 and the dates to have them.
7. Bee City USA: Ron is ordering 2 or 3 signs for the village. Will assure photo op done in conjunction with hanging the signs to promote. Discussed Pollinator Pledge sign. Reviewed Bioblitz information for month of September.
8. Lecture series: first one planned for Sept 12 at 1030am at the village park in conjunction with FOEGL. Jodi Perrone helped set up both a kids program with August Hoppe and an adult one with Ron Hill speaking about the tree species choices for the tree sale. Discussed ideas for other lectures and how best to promote. On hold due to pandemic currently.
9. Mentor/mentee idea: currently tabled
10. Public Space maintenance: as part of our mission we are currently keeping our focus on the park, but can expand to other areas including entrance signs to the village.
11. Invasive Species Task Force: had our inaugural event last week which was promoted by Instagram's @elm_grove_park. Planning to meet weekly at 10 am at the south entrance. Met with Ron who is asking us to keep working on the woody species growing within the prairie plantings around the pond. Discussed our 3 part mission - education (articles, lecturers), volunteer opportunities, students for hire. Idea to get into school to discuss invasive species to 4th and 5th graders.
12. Integrative Pest Management: discussed ideas to help promote within the village
13. Propelling Students to Protect the Planet in Elm Grove: briefly discussed Arbor Day collaboration with forester and WI Garden Federation at Tonawanda and huge Earth Day celebration we'd like to hold (similar to Winter Fair at the park).
14. Vision statement, membership: New member at the meeting:) reviewed mission and discussed rain gardens. Ideas to update the village website.
15. Next meeting: scheduled for October 7th at 6:30pm
16. Adjournment: 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky, Chairperson