

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 2022

Present: Deb Baesemann, Katie Forecki, James Lange, Becky Rintelmann (phone), 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: reviewed all income and expenses since the beginning of the year
4. Bird City WI: Reviewed Google document for High Flyer renewal and provided updates from group including Instagram page update (@BirdersoftheGrove).
5. Bee City USA: Library window display from 10/24-11/5 to promote the Xerces Society Leave the Leaves campaign. Sign stolen?—need to investigate.
6. Monarch Map: Goal for 2024 is reach 200 dots via continued efforts throughout the next year. Currently have 117 dots.
7. Tree Sale: delivery of trees Thursday afternoon with pick-up on Saturday. Becky volunteered to help with distribution. Sold 70 trees—4 bur oak, 4 chinquapin oak, 3 red oak, 10 paper birch, 12 muscledwood, 8 pin cherry, 4 ironwood, 19 eastern red cedar, 5 basswood, and 1 mountain maple. 10 of those are donations to the village.
8. Invasive Species Task Force: Continue to meet weekly at 11am. James had idea of asking community for donations so that we could hire professional help for work on Veteran's Park. Discussed purchase of tree wrench for buckthorn and other woody removal.
9. Book Sale: ongoing sale of just two books (sold out of Native Plant book)—Doug Tallamy's books, *Bringing Home Nature* (\$20) and *Nature's Best Hope* (\$25-hardcover). Have total of 6 books left to sell.
10. Book Club: Next meeting is 10/12/22 for *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan. Having a "wine and cheese event".
11. Lecture series: April lecturer cancelled—discussed ideas to replace. Luke Cashin has agreed to record all lectures for us for placement on village website with the first one already done.
12. National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat Certification: working to compile residents interested in joining team to help attain certification—Deb and James agreed to join. Have Google document and brochure completed. Reviewed certification process. Will schedule time in early November for Habitat Team to meet.
13. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: Have started some replanting in center of garden. Discussed waiting until spring to plant more. May need to provide some photos of progress to ATC.
14. Adopt-A-Spot program: Tabled again 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.
15. Calendar of events: compiled and will distribute with next committee email. Consideration for posting (and keeping updated) on village website was discussed. Discussed ideas for upcoming articles.
16. Newsletter: published quarterly, next in November. Discussed topics to include.
17. Compost bin at recycle center: discussed signage to discourage dumping, instructional "how-to" programs for homeowners
18. Membership: had a BEHS senior reach out; getting schools involved with NWC certification
19. Next meeting: scheduled for November 2nd at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
20. Adjournment: 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nicci Sternitzky
chairperson