

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 2nd, 2022

Present: Amy Forecki, Katie Forecki, Becky Rintelmann, Anne Spalholz, Nicci Sternitzky

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:30 pm
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Treasurer report: Reviewed year end report from 2021—\$13,901 in, \$14,165 out. Still awaiting payment of some trees, still selling shrubs and books. Discussed use of paid advertising.
4. Bird City WI: Next meeting of birding group is March 5th. Lecture planned on March 15th by Vicki Piaskowski. Need to obtain bird related speaker for next winter's lecture series.
5. Bee City USA: discussed celebrating Pollinator Week June 20-26th—proclamation, mosquito dunk, children's program, guided tours around the park, passport idea.
6. Tree Sale: Still have 2 elm, 3 KCT left to sell. Will publicize again and remind residents that trees can be purchased for donation to the village. Will get official delivery date mid-March.
7. Invasive Species Task Force: Anne has drafted PR plan for goat event. Just awaiting a date in order to set into motion.
8. 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 24 books left to sell.
9. Book Club: all planned books for 2022 decided upon and village website updated. Next meeting is 3/9/22 at Brookfield Public Library Rotary Room at 6:30pm, reading *Rebugging the Planet* by Vicki Hird. This is a change from the original book for this month.
10. Lecture series: next lecture scheduled for Mar 15th—Vickie Piaskowski on "Making Your Yard Bird Friendly". Already have 5/6 lecturers booked for next year. Will coordinate at least one of them with the library. Noah Weckwerth and Anne Spalholz have all details for Melinda Myers talk on April 12th already completed.
11. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: grant approved for \$2500 and plan from Danielle Bell received. Committee, Eagle Scouts, other volunteers to do prep work and planting. Met with Joe Walters, the Eagle Scout and have been working on details. Hope to get started with sod cutting and digging out basin as soon as weather allows. Plants already ordered for tentative 5/28 delivery.
12. Earth/Arbor Day celebration: Shrub order for 150 bare root shrubs placed and website up and running. Will work nicely in conjunction with birding lecture on March 15th. Planning for April 23rd event—informational booths, vendors, and two food trucks. Will see if FOEGL wants to coordinate another children's program as was very successful last year. Reviewed spreadsheet of vendors we have secured. Approved banner purchases.
13. Plant Sale: scheduled for June 4th. Have ordered 1048 plants—can add to order still. No neonicotinoids used on any plants—our supplier is using bio rational controls instead (beneficial nematodes and/or Neem oil). Amy made and laminated information for many of the plants to use at the sale.
14. Membership: briefly discussed ideas to attract more members.
15. Community Partnerships: eager to collaborate with Community Foundation on upcoming projects
16. Quarterly Newsletter: distributed, new tab on village website to view
17. Next meeting: scheduled for April 6th at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
18. Adjournment: 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky
chair