

## ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

April 6th, 2022

Present: Deb Baesemann, Amy Forecki, Katie Forecki, James Lange, Becky Rintelmann, Anne Spalholz, Nicci Sternitzky

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:32 pm
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Special Guest: Neil Palmer brought handouts and supplies and offered assistance with our mission.
4. Treasurer report: Becky and Nicci working on budgeting spreadsheet
5. Bird City WI: Next meeting of “Birders of the Grove” is April 11th at 10 am in the ParkView Room. Director of Bird City Wisconsin confirmed as one of next year’s speakers. This year’s Birdathon scheduled for May 14th.
6. Bee City USA: discussed celebrating Pollinator Week June 20-26th—proclamation, mosquito dunk program, children’s program, guided tours around the park, passport idea, Bioblitz idea.
7. No Mow May: reviewed Google form sign up, yard sign, and flyer. Discussed additions to village website, FAQ’s, and village participation. Anne will draft letter to trustees, Amy re-design sign. Get article written for newspaper.
8. Tree Sale: Still have 3 KCT left to sell. Pick up date is 4/30 and Sign-Up Genius template has been completed.
9. Invasive Species Task Force: Anne has drafted PR plan for goat event. Just awaiting a date in order to set into motion.
10. 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.
11. Book Club: all planned books for 2022 decided upon and village website updated. Next meeting is 4/13/22 at Brookfield Public Library Rotary Room at 6:30pm, reading *Monarchs and Milkweed* by Anurag Agrawal.
12. Lecture series: next lecture scheduled for April 12th—Melinda Myers on “Attracting Bees, Hummingbirds, and Butterflies to Your Garden”. She will be signing and selling her newest book for \$30. Already have all lecturers booked for next year.
13. 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 about May 14th. Plants already ordered for tentative 5/28 delivery and planting.
14. Shrub Sale: only 9 gray dogwood remaining to sell. Pick up will be at the Earth and Arbor Day celebration.
15. Earth/Arbor Day celebration: April 23rd event—informational booths, vendors, and two food trucks. FOEGL will be coordinating another children’s program as was very successful last year. Reviewed spreadsheet of vendors we have secured. Have two banners available to hang.
16. Plant Sale: scheduled for June 4th. Have ordered 1048 plants (68 varieties of natives, 8 herbs). 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.
17. Membership: James Lange joined committee tonight.
18. Community Partnerships: eager to collaborate with Community Foundation on upcoming projects, working with two Eagle Scouts on Rain Garden and Bee Hotel
19. Quarterly Newsletter: distributed, new tab on village website to view. Will plan next one for May release.
20. Next meeting: scheduled for May 4th at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
21. Adjournment: 8:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicci Sternitzky  
chair