

ELM GROVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
April 7th, 2021

Present: Nicci Sternitzky, Katie Forecki, Becky Rintelmann, Deb Baesemann, Anne Spaltholz, Andy Williams (guest)

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting brought to order at 6:35 pm, new guest introduced
2. Minutes: Last meeting minutes with no changes
3. Treasurer report: No expenses, shared current budget spreadsheet
4. Bee City USA: Discussed the WI DATCP pesticide application registry-sign up is from November to February. Will ask plant sale wholesaler to remove the Aquilegia from our order as it is the only plant treated with neonicotinoids.
5. Tree Sale: Pick up starts tomorrow. April 8 (Becky, Anne, Nicci), 10 (Becky, Amy, Deb, Katie, Nicci), and 13 (Becky, Nicci) distribution. Reminders automatically sent from SignUpGenius. Will reserve library window in August for next year's sale. Looking to choose trees for next year's sale early so that we can mark examples at the Elm Grove Park.
6. Invasive Species Task Force: Will have garlic mustard pull organized for the Earth/Arbor Day event from 10-11am. Will resume Sunday meetings at the park once weather improves.
7. Shrub Sale & Earth/Arbor Day celebration: Earth Day (4/22/21)/Arbor Day(4/30/21) event collaboration at the village park on April 24th from 11-2pm. Events include: garlic mustard pull (10-11am), Craft and Storytime in conjunction with FOEGL at 11am, Hoppe Tree service Kids Climb, Pond Path Pilgrimage chalking around the pond, a geocache event that will run from 4/22-4/30, and informational booths. All ordered shrubs sold online (awaiting payment on some) which will be distributed at the April 24th event. Planting instructions completed to include with purchase. Will have informational booths for Beautification Committee, Village forester, SEED Club, ISTF, Shrub sale, Elm Grove Green Team, and Waste Not, LLC. Katie brought chalk to distribute.
8. Prescribed burn: Meg planning to make movie of the burn. We will get just 1-2 days notice as it is very weather dependent.
9. Publicity: Katie offered to write an article for submission for Pollinator Week
10. Book Sale: still selling Lynn Steiner's Landscaping with Native Plants of Wisconsin for \$20 each. Have sold 11 books so far.
11. Plant Sale: scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, 2021. Will plan for pre-order for members, EGBA, Indian Hills and any other village related needs with delivery on 5/24. Both pre-order (20 flats plus 6 plants) and plant sale order (70 flats) have been placed. Comprehensive list of plant selection requirements has been completed. Will be sure it gets on village website in advance of sale. Have decided to not order Aquilegia as it is the only plant treated with neonicotinoids—will make signage explaining that for the sale.
12. Community Partnerships: Discussed the Indian Hills entry corners. Assisting Tonawanda parents and Girl Scout troop in spring with rejuvenation of the Monarch Waystation bed planted there.

13. Book Club: April 14—*The Hidden Life of Trees*, Sept 15—*7th Generation Earth Ethics*, Oct 20th—*Our Native Bees*, Nov 17th—*Second Nature*. Will take summer hiatus, but keep sending ideas for books to read via the Bookclubz app. Bookmarks made to have displayed at the library and included in the geocache for Earth/Arbor Day event.
14. Bird City USA: current library window decorated for Great Backyard Bird Count fundraiser. Event planned for June 6th at village park. Will look further into publicizing.
15. Public Space maintenance: Veteran's park, village entrance signs, space at the intersection of WTP and Sunnyslope are all spaces we can help maintain, along with ongoing work at the village park. Coordinated with the Elm Grove Green Team, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to pick up around the ponds on March 21st.
16. History of the Elm Grove Park - not discussed.
17. ATC Pollinator Habitat Grant: Discussed options for application and which grant and which areas within the village we could consider. Grant application open July-September.
18. Next meeting: scheduled for May 5th at 6:30pm in the Park View Room
19. Adjournment: 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Sternitzky  
chair