

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, October 15, 2013
Conference Room, City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Minutes

Board Members Present: Karen Lawler, Lisa Thomas, Karen Forsyth, Alice Tucker, Tom Irby, Meredith Kilby, Dorothy Thomas, Linda Kinney, Ray Lewis, and Councilman Gerald Clark.

Board Members Absent: Rose Berry and Julie Ray.

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Karen Lawler.

The minutes from the meeting held on September 17, 2013 were provided via e-mail for review and approved at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer. Lisa reported we have an outstanding balance on the signs. The balance as of the end of September was \$20,070.62 and as of October 15, the balance is \$19,350.62.

Karen Lawler asked Gerald to look around downtown Madison for the placement of a signature bench or two. She mentioned Veteran's park needs a lot of attention. She asked if we can do a Madison Adopt a Spot. It was suggested that we see if there is a boy scout working toward his Eagle Scout that be looking for a project. Karen Lawler will check with the Boy Scouts.

Library Book Donation

Karen Lawler spoke with GiGi Bullman about purchasing books for the Library. They agreed on 3 adult titled books and 3 children's titled books around \$300. She will provide the titles before the end of the year.

Logo Approval

Meredith Kilby reported the final update to the new logo was provided to Julie Ray, MBTB Secretary.

Nominating Committee

It is now time to elect or re-elect MBTB officers for 2014. Julie Ray took an action in September to determine how this has been done in previous years. She provided the information to Karen Lawler via email. Karen Lawler asked Alice Tucker and Tom Irby to form a Nominating Committee.

Joint Meeting with Huntsville Beautification Board

Karen Lawler noted she had emailed the Huntsville Beautification Board (HBB). She has not heard back from them.

Karen Lawler stated we need to re-look at the Beautification Awards criteria. Alice took the action.

Tree Board

Arbor Week Workshop

Dorothy Thomas has been unsuccessful in reaching Don Shadow. She will continue to try other avenues to reach him. Karen Lawler asked when she does reach him; please ask him to bring some books for signing. Dorothy will mention it to him. Karen suggested we use the Master Gardener's mailing list to invite a larger group.

Arbor Day Poster Contest

Tom Irby reported that all the schools have responded except for two -- Columbia, Heritage, Madison, Rainbow, and St. John's. He is waiting to hear back from West Madison and Horizon. Mill Creek is tentative. Tom handed out a calendar for the Tree Board. Gerald will participate and assist with the Proclamation Reading at the City Council Meeting.

PTA Tree Donation, Bench Placement

Tom Irby reported he went to check on the tree. The sprinkler and water had been turned off again. He reset the timer and is watering the tree daily for 30 minutes. The tree was bone dry. He is waiting on a return call from Mrs. Trulock reference the pad and bench placement.

Beautification Board

Madison Cemetery Plan

Karen Lawler reported she spoke with Chris Goins and the plan is to have the plants delivered November 5. They requested someone be there during the delivery and planting.

Gerald reported he spoke with Kent Smith about the driveway at the cemetery. When they redo the driveway, they will make it 6 inches wider. There is no timeline for the columns or the fencing. At the back of the driveway, the plan is to remove some of the asphalt and plant grass.

Rose Rosette Checkup

Karen Lawler reported she needs to have Rose Berry send a map to Monique for removing the roses with Rosette.

Tom asked if there is a chance of changing the City flower from the rose to something else? Gerald stated it is possible. He also stated we can make a recommendation to make the change.

There was a suggestion to rotate the City plant every 5 years. This was tabled until the next meeting with everyone bringing ideas and suggestions.

Pride of Madison

Ray Lewis reported that the signs for the Rainbow Homemakers are posted. They are very happy.

He received an email from Lee Grimes asking him to meet Mike Potter at Mill Creek Park to pick up trash on Wednesday, October 16, 10 a.m. Karen Lawler stated she would help. Ray suggested we get someone to adopt the park. Meredith took the action to see if someone in Millstone would be interested.

Open Forum/Announcements

Karen Lawler asked how the board felt about meeting in December. It was agreed we will plan to meet the month of December.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Minutes prepared by Karen Forsyth