

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Conference Room, City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Minutes

Board Members Present: Karen Lawler, Alice Tucker, Meredith Kilby, Linda Kinney, Julie Ray, Ray Lewis, Karen Forsyth, and Councilman Gerald Clark.

Board Members Absent: Lisa Thomas, Rose Berry, and Dorothy Thomas.

Proceedings:

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

The minutes from the meeting held on January 21, 2014 were approved with a correction.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer via e-mail. The balance as of February 18, 2014 is \$21,544.21. This includes \$10,000 from the city.

Tree Board

Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner

Madison poster winner, Courtney Horne, her father, and Lisa Grice, her teacher will be going to Montgomery. We have received authorization to use Courtney's name on Face book. The annual Tree Planting ceremony with Mayor Trulock took place today, Monday, February 18th at Dublin Park. Tom Irby and Linda Kinney were in attendance. Photos are posted on Face book. Meredith Kilby wrote a short article for the Madison Record.

Julie Ray will take the action to purchase a plaque for the tree that was planted in memory of Joe Hatchett, former board member.

Arbor Week Workshop

The Catbird Seat donated a crepe myrtle for the workshop. Karen Lawler purchased four gift cards for prizes. Karen Lawler will contact Harvey Cotton and request he bring some of his

books, "Easy Gardening for the South" to sell and autograph. Karen will pick up water, cookies, etc. to have at the workshop.

Mill Creek Benches (4)

Karen Lawler and Julie Ray will walk the Mill Creek pathway and make the determination as to where to place the benches. They will report back next month.

Downtown Benches

Karen Lawler is waiting on a return call on suggestions on where to place the benches in downtown Madison. Gerald Clark suggested over by the sculptures.

Veteran's Park has a sprinkler in the area. For the benches, we need to contact the Building Department, Jimmy Morgan.

Trash Receptacles

The suggestion was made that we not order the smoking/cigarette trays for the top of the receptacles. All agreed.

Annual Forestry & Horticulture Conference

Ray Lewis and Dorothy Thomas plan to attend the conference scheduled for Friday, February 21.

Beautification Board

Alice Tucker brought up the planning for the judging of the Beautification Awards. June 5th was agreed upon for the day of the judging. Meredith will do a flyer. The luncheon will be held at the Best Western, Port of Madison. Alice will work with the landscapers via e-mail. At the next meeting, she will have a list of tasks to present to the Board.

She will need to meet with the new city landscaper to go over what they may need to take care before the judging.

Pride of Madison

Ray Lewis met with Phaedra Scarborough, Manager, TJ Maxx. They will be responsible for the Adopt-A-Mile --Gooch and Wall Triana. Signs for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., along Eastview Drive from Hughes Road to Victoria Street (previously adopted by the Rainbow Mountain Homemakers) are posted. He has received a new request from Jean Graphanie. He will update next month. Ray has ordered 14 new signs. They have arrived. The bill of \$369.60 will be provided to Lisa Thomas for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

Minutes prepared by Karen Forsyth