

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Attendees:

Karen Lawler, Beth Agee, Julie Ray, Marsha Harris, Gerald Clark

Absent:

Franklin Wetzel, Amber Braman, Liz Smith, and Karen Forsyth

Minutes

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Karen Lawler.

Karen Lawler welcomed everyone.

The minutes from the September meeting were read. Julie Ray moved to approve and Marsha Harris seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Ray reported that the current balance is \$19,064.69. This balance is current as of 10/18/2016. Karen Lawler provided a status that the budget request for 2017 had been approved by the City Council. Julie will bring proposed 2017 budget to the November meeting for the Board's review.

Nominating Committee and Membership Campaign

The Nominating Committee, led by Beth Agee and supported by Marsha Harris and Julie Ray, presented a proposed slate of Officers for 2017 as noted below. This will be voted on by the board during the November meeting.

- President – Karen Lawler
- VP of Beautification Board – Amber Braman
- VP of Tree Board – Marsha Harris
- Treasurer – Julie Ray
- Secretary – Karen Forsyth

Gillespie Road Pruning

November 5th was the original date set for the pruning, but that date was overcome by events.

The new date is now Friday, November 11th. Karen Lawler agreed to follow up with Janet Hunt for help from Limestone County Master Gardeners. In addition, Julie Ray agreed to develop a flyer to provide to Beth Agee to send to Madison County Master Gardeners in order to request additional help for the pruning activity.

City Hall Replacement Planting

Julie Ray presented several detailed drawings, outlining each bed with proposed shrubs & plants to be added. This drawings were developed from the previous board meeting walkthrough of all beds and included all inputs. Beth Agee moved to approve the drawing plans and Marsha Harris seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Karen Lawler is working with Tidewater Landscaping on getting the marked plants removed, and on the planting date for the new shrubs and plants.

Beautification Award Signs

Julie Ray and Karen Lawler will coordinate with Franklin Wetzel to order new signs and coordinate with Public Works to have them installed.

Poster Contest

Marsha Harris provided a status that she sent a letter to Judy Wormath concerning Madison School's participation in the 2017 Poster Content. Marsha will be following up with individual teachers. Marsha is capturing all Poster Contest activities and dates in a checklist, which she will bring to the meeting in November.

Arbor Day Tree Planting and Arbor Day Workshop

Discussion deferred to meeting in November.

Signature Bench Placement

Gerald Clark will coordinate with the Cemetery Committee on the placement of the benches currently in storage. In addition, Gerald Clark will coordinate with the committee to confirm their approval for adding additional plants along Hughes Road in order to fill in the empty spaces where the original plants did not survive.

Pride of Madison (POM)

Beth Agee stated that POM work was continuing and there was nothing new to report for this month.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Prepared by Julie Ray