

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Attendees:

Karen Lawler, Beth Agee, Amber Braman, Julie Ray, Marsha Harris, Mike Keenan, Liz Smith, Cathy Scott

Absent:

Lisa Thomas and Gerald Clark

Minutes

Proceedings:

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

The minutes from the meeting held October 17, 2017 were approved. July Ray motioned to approve minutes with a second from Beth Agee.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Ray reported that the current balance is \$21,680.48 with \$14,990 of the balance encumbered by the new signs and sign poles.

Levonía Ayres has requested prior year budget expenses in order to respond to Tree City, USA requirements. Julie to provide the data.

Pride of Madison

Beth Agee reported that she was continuing to work on the clean-up of the Pride of Madison volunteer groups. She handed out a comprehensive list of all organizational volunteers listed for each Pride of Madison mile. Beth asked that we help her scrub the list so that Mike can complete the article and those that have not responded to emails, calls, or letters will have one last chance to contact the Madison Beautification Board prior to having their Pride of Madison sign pulled and the mile reassigned to another organization. The comprehensive list was divided as follows:

Karen Lawler– The Brook, Rainbow Mountain Homemakers and The Pet Hospital of Madison
Mike Keenan – Bob Jones Air Force JROTC and Bob Jones Key Club and Environmental Club
Amber Braman – Huntington Chase and providence Women's Club of Madison
Cathy Scott – St. John's Catholic Church (Boy Scout Troop 350)

Beth Agee reported that Civitan Club is no longer interested in retaining their mile and the sign will be pulled. The Edgewater sign is removed. They no longer want to participate. We do not have a comprehensive map of Madison with all the Pride of Madison miles clearly mapped. Mike Keenan to look into an application that would help The Board accomplish this task.

Arbor Day Poster Contest

Marsha Harris reported that the 2018 Arbor Day Poster Contest Theme would be “Trees are Terrific in Cities and Towns. Marsha has started sending out posters to the schools and the contest preparation is underway.

Arbor Day Workshop and Tree Planting

The Madison Arbor Day Tree Planting and Arbor Day Workshop will be held on February 22, 2018. This is a Thursday following our Tuesday meeting which will allow for finalization of last minute details for the above activities.

Liz Smith has made contacts and awaiting responses for the Arbor Day Workshop speakers. She has contacted a specialist in Crepe Myrtles and one that speaks on “Bringing Back the American Chestnut Tree”. Liz Smith to send an email reserving the Council Chambers at City Hall for the workshop. Liz Smith was also to get the dates for the events on the Mayor’s calendar.

Beautification Award Signs and Poles

New Market Iron Works has contacted Karen Lawler that the poles are complete and ready for delivery. Julie to contact the company making the signs about a completion date.

Signature Benches and Trash Receptacles

Marsha Harris spoke with Corey Alford and they want to utilize the current bench and trash receptacle inventory at Dublin Park. Marsh was to follow up with Corey on the purchase.

New Business

Maples at City Hall - Liz Smith is working with Corey to replace the dead maples at City Hall.

Best in Show - Amber Braman proposed a “Best in Show” for the upcoming 2018 Beautification Awards. Beth Agee seconded the proposal. All were in favor of the new award.

Gateway clean-up was discussed. It was concluded that due to limited City maintenance in this area it is hard for The Board to keep up with the week control. After discussion by all members about the circumstances, Karen proposed that the City should assume maintenance of the Gateway and the Board would no longer be responsible for the clean – up. The Board would do replacement planting as necessary to maintain the work that has gone into The Gateway replacement planting project. Amber Braman seconded the motion and all were in favor of the motion.

City Hall Replacement Plantings - Liz Smith to inventory City Hall for dead or dying trees and shrubs and come up with a list of replacement plantings needed.

2018 New Officers - Amber Braman made a motion for the following 2018 officers to be approved and Beth Agee seconded it:

President: Michael Keenan

Secretary: Cathy Scott

Treasurer: Karen Lawler

Vice President for Beautification Board: Amber Braman

Vice President for Tree Board: Marsha Harris

Old Business

Gillespie Road clean-up. Julie Ray announced that the neighborhood has scheduled a work day to complete this effort.

Cemetery Planting – Julie Ray to finalize the plans for the final cemetery planning and order the plants for planting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.