

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**  
**City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Attendees:**

Karen Lawler, Beth Agee, Amber Braman, Julie Ray, Marsha Harris, Mike Keenan, Liz Smith, and Gerald Clark

**Absent:**

Lisa Thomas and Cathy Scott

**Minutes**

**Proceedings:**

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

The minutes from the meeting held July 18, 2017 were approved. Julie 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.

Julie needs all receipts from the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo to be submitted.

Gerald Clark reported that our \$10,000 appropriation for 2018 had been approved.

***Pride of Madison***

Beth Agee reported that she was continuing to work on the clean-up of the Pride of Madison volunteer groups. She reported that the "Squirrels" Pride of Madison sign would be removed.

They have moved to Georgia. LDS Church sign will be removed. Beth Agee sent a letter to the LDS with no response. The Lutheran Lamb of God Church received notice with no response.

Their Pride of Madison sign will also be removed.

Mike Keenan to send out a publication about the Pride of Madison sign removal initiative for inactive participants. Participants that do not respond to letters, email or calls will be subject to the removal of their Pride of Madison Signs.

### ***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 will start sending out posters to schools in October.

### ***Arbor Day Workshop and Tree Planting***

Liz Smith is working on speakers for the Arbor Day Workshop. She will propose a date for the planting and workshop at the next meeting. When working with the speakers, Liz will clarify the content expectations for the workshop.

ISA conference will be held in Memphis, TN in March. Liz Smith will be the Tree Board’s representative. The Tree Board will pay the conference fee for Liz to attend. Liz will make an Arbor Day flyer to take to the conference in hopes to recruit future speakers and participants. Mike Keenan suggested we involve other organizations in our Arbor Day initiative. He will make contact with the Rotary Club of Madison and The Eagle Scouts.

### ***Beautification Award Signs and Poles***

Julie presented the final sign design. Beth Agee made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the final sign design. Amber Braman made a second to the motion.

### ***New Business***

**Nominating Committee**, Chaired by Beth Agee submitted the slate of officers for 2018. They are as follows:

President – Mike Keenan

Secretary – Cathy Scott

Treasurer – Karen Lawler

Vice President for Beautification Board – Amber Braman

Vice President for Tree Board – Marsha Harris

Vote will be taken at the next meeting.

**Gateway** clean-up will be on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Signature Bench** placement – Marsha will call Dublin Park about the potential placement of 4 benches at the park. If accepted, Karen Lawler will contact Public Works about pouring pads.

**Karen Forsyth** will not be renewing her seat on the Board. Karen will be missed and we wish her well.

### ***Old Business***

Gillespie Road clean-up. Gerald Clark to contact Dustin Riddle with Public Works about completing the removal of big brush, roses, vines and trees. They will also discuss proper mowing and weed eating of the right of way along Gillespie. A member of the Beautification and Tree Board will be present when needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.