

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Attendees:

Karen Lawler, Beth Agee, Amber Braman, Julie Ray, Mike Keenan, and Liz Smith

Absent:

Marsha Harris, Cathy Scott, and Gerald Clark,

Minutes

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mike Keenan.

Mike Keenan welcomed everyone.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the meeting held February 20, 2018 Regular meeting. Mike Keenan called for a motion.

Julie Ray moved to approve the minutes. Amber Braman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Ray reported that the current balance is \$4,445.65.

Julie Ray reported that not all receipts had yet been received from the recent Arbor Week activities and requested that the remainder be turned in.

Julie Ray reported that the Madison Chamber of Commerce dues of \$219.00 had been paid.

Julie Ray advised that the City Signature Benches and Trash Receptacles would be removed from the next Treasury Report.

Karen Lawler reported that the City Board appropriation check would be deposited week of 26 February and complete the Treasury position hand over from Julie Ray.

Pride of Madison (Adopt-a-Mile)

Beth Agee stated that there was nothing to report.

Beautification Awards

Amber Braman reported that she needed Mike Keenan to review the Beautification Awards Application prior to posting to the appropriate websites. Amber Braman asked the Board if there

should be additional points penalized by the judges for the upcoming Beautification Awards for improper cut/trimmed Crepe Myrtles since the Arbor Day workshop focused on proper care of Crepe Myrtles. Board determined that the current judging criteria met the intent of proper care and trimming issues for Crepe Myrtles.

Amber Braman stated that the “Best of Properties” for the upcoming Beautification Awards would be judged and selected by the Board from the judged “Excellence” winners.

Beautification Awards Luncheon Update

Liz Smith stated that there were two options for the lunch menu for the Beautification Awards Ceremony. All Board Members present unanimously voted to approve the menu of: Lemon Artichoke Chicken, Seasoned Green Beans, Baby Red Potatoes and a choice of Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Cake.

Beautification Award Signs

Julie Ray presented a complete list of sign requirements for Public Works to complete the installation of the new Beautification Award signs or removal of the old Beautification Award signs from properties not meeting the standards from the previous year.

ISA Chapter Conference

Liz Reported that she would be in attendance of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Chapter Conference in Memphis on March 24, 2018. Attendance would go toward Continued Education Units (CEU) requirements.

Liz Smith reported the ISA had requested her to pitch to Huntsville/Madison to be a conference host city to a future ISA Chapter Conference. She was advised by the Board to pursue it through the city legal department before proceeding due to the mutual city nature of the request.

Municipality Building Tree Plan

Liz Smith reported that Mayor Paul Finley asked her to develop a tree budget for the municipal building area.

Julie Ray instructed that the Board need to acquire the tree report that was commissioned by the city in order to be able to make an informed decision regarding a budget for tree planting and/or removal around the municipal building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Keenan