

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 15th, 2019
Conference Room, City Hall



Attendees: Amber Braman, Karen Lawler, Julie Ray, Mitzi Adams, Gerald Clark, Chris Carpenter, Tenesha Thomas

Absent: Lisa Thomas, Liz Smith

I. Order of Business

- i. **Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m.
- ii. **Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted and the attendance was noted.
- iii. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes for July, August and September were approved with one amendment.
- iv. **Treasurer's Report:** Karen Lawler reported that the current balance is \$16,871.88

II. New Business

- i. **Beautification Sign Installment:** Julie Ray and Chris Carpenter reported that they would meet with Public Works to discuss location of new signs in storage, and the upcoming installation.
- ii. **Pride of Madison Status (Adopt A Mile):** No updated status was provided. The Board is looking for a member to accept this as an ongoing responsibility.
- iii. **Keep AL Beautiful-privet removal class:** Mitzi Adams provided several updates on this upcoming workshop. Primarily this will be a workshop on Invasive Plants. It is scheduled for December 7th at Horizon Elementary in the Media Center. The workshop will be led by Soos Weber, a local ecologist and active member of the Alabama Invasive Plant Council. Additional logistics were discussed and will be finalized at the November meeting.
- iv. **Replacement Plant Sub-Committee Recommendations for Front of Municipal Building:** Amber Braman stated the recommendations of this sub-committee for replacing the existing plantings in the 8 "box" gardens in front of the municipal building. The Board voted to approve the purchase of 8 Hollies based on size and the year-round color they would provide.

- v. ***Follow-up from “Twice Daily” Grand Opening:*** Amber Braman attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for this new Madison business. Twice Daily contacted the Beautification Board as they intend to donate \$1,000 towards future tree plantings in the city of Madison.

- vi. ***Arbor Day Poster Content:*** The theme for this year is “Trees are Terrific...and Forests are too! Posters are due to Anniston by February 10, 2020. The Board will coordinate this activity with Lisa Thomas.

- vii. ***Arbor Day Workshop:*** Discussion deferred to a future meeting.

- viii. ***Storage Unit Clean-Up:*** Amber Braman provided a status on the condition of the outside storage unit. Essentially, the unit is full of insects and contains evidence of rodents. Amber took an action to research appropriate extermination methods and to report back when completed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm