City of Bloomington
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
May 23, 2013

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others Present:
Stan Cain	Marlene Gregor	Robin VanDermay
Sue Floyd	Martha Burk	Amy Krause
Patricia Morin	Amy Davis	
Josh Barnett	Bobby Moews	
Anne Driskell		
Jeff Hindman		
Jan Laudeman		
Tammi Winters		
Julie Morton		
Val Dumser		

1. Minutes – minutes from April 24, 2013 were approved.

2. Public Comments   None.

3. Arbor Day
   - Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at Pepper Ridge Elementary School. The Mayor attended to present the Arbor Day Proclamation and Tree City USA flag.
   - Approximately 150 tree seedlings were distributed to the third grade students at Pepper Ridge.
   - Send any photos to Josh B. who will collect and set up an account to save all Committee activity photos.

4. 2013 Beautification Awards
   - Nominations will be accepted between June 1 and June 21.
   - Article about nomination period and process has been sent to Pantagraph.
   - Nomination form and information will also be posted on City of Bloomington website.
   - Review of nominations is scheduled for Monday, June 24 at 4:00 pm. The Committee will meet at the Lincoln Leisure Center (1206 S. Lee St.) to begin the review.
   - An additional review date and time (4:00 pm, Tuesday, June 25) have been reserved if necessary.
   - Nominations will be tallied during the Committee's regular meeting on Thursday, June 27.
   - Nominations flyers/forms will be distributed to Greider's, Casey's, Niepagen's, Growing Grounds, Bellas Garden Center, Owen's Nursery, and Sunburst Nursery.
   - Committee members are also expected to submit nominations, and should send them to Stan before June 21.
   - The Committee may attend the Farmers Market again in June to publicize the Beautification Awards.
   - Anne D. presented additional options for the non-residential award in 2013. The residential award was changed in 2011. Last year, the Committee discussed proceeding with an update to the non-residential award as well. Anne will confirm costs and availability for the preferred option (wood/plexiglass plaque). Sue F. will also research costs of an engraved stone or rock for awards where that is a more suitable option.
   - The Committee also discussed placing yard signs in the parks, major intersections, BCPA, and zoo to publicize the nomination period for the annual Beautification Awards.

5. <u>Other business</u>
   - The Committee's Adopt-A-Pot was planted on May 18. The City will water all pots once a week.
   - The next presentation about the Beautification Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 am to the Bloomington Sunrise Rotary Club. Their meeting is at Eastland Suites.
   - Josh is scheduling a similar presentation with the Normal Kiwannis Club in July. Date, time, and location to be determined.
   - Public meeting held on May 8 regarding Franklin Park. Next steps include completion of recommendation by May 30.
   - Certificates of appreciation to be sent for 2013 Cleanup Week by Joe Tulley (Town of Normal). Josh to follow up and confirm with Joe.
   - Need to prepare plan for next prairie planting project this fall.
   - A memorial tree (Service berry) has been planted in Fell Park in memory of Wade Abels, Beautification Committee member from 1973 to 2006.
   - A meeting will be scheduled later this year with the ISU horticultural department, Wildones, and Master Naturalists regarding their interest in assisting with preparing an update to the tree booklet.
   - The Committee will visit the arboretum in June during the Beautification Awards nomination drive-around review.
   - Robin V. reported that Wildones is interested in creating more areas in Bloomington for prairie plants, such as along Veterans Parkway, South Morris Avenue, Bittner Park, etc.

6. <u>Parks & Recreation Report</u>
   - The ground breaking event is scheduled this week for Eagle View Park. The construction is to be done by this fall.
   - The City has lots of free mulch to give away at the Parks Maintenance Building on Springfield Road.

7. <u>Next Meeting</u>
   - The next meeting is scheduled for **7:00 pm** on **Thursday, June 27, 2013**.