

Citizens' Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2014, 7 pm
Osborn Room, Bloomington Police Station

Members Present

Sue Floyd
Erica Larkin
Valerie Dumser
Jan Laudeman
Amy Davis
Josh Barnett
Martha Burke
Patricia Martin
Robin VanDermay
Patricia Morin
Robert Moews

Members Absent

Marlene Gregor
Anne Driskell

Others Present

Minutes – no minutes to approve.

Josh called the meeting to order and announced due to open meetings regulations, “public comments” from now on will come at the end of each meeting. Josh also welcomed new members, Robin VanDermay and Patricia Marton pmarton6170@yahoo.com .

Cleanup Awards:

Josh reported, there were five cash awards donated by local businesses: two \$10.00 awards from Casey's Garden Shop, two \$5.00 awards from A.B. Hatchery and Garden Center, and one \$25.00 award from Wendell Niepagon Greenhouses and Garden Center. Josh asked the question, what to do with the awards as only one photo was submitted by public participants. Robin moved and it was seconded to use some of the money to plant a plot at the U.S. Postal Office downtown on Center Street. The City Parks and Recreation Department is also scheduled to plant at the site. Josh appointed Robin to purchase plants with some of the award money and form a committee to plant the site. Bobby suggested the remaining money could be given out to Beautification Award winners.

Arbor Day :

Bobby reported the event was successful. The Children gave a nice program. Mayor Renner and Superintendent Reilly were in attendance and a Tulip tree was also planted at the City Arboretum. There were no extra seedlings. The Parks Dept. has photos of the school event that Bobby will email to committee members..

2014 Beautification Awards:

Josh announced nominations start the end of May. Josh will distribute applications to members for further distribution to businesses and individuals. Drive Around full Committee participants should meet at Lincoln Leisure Center at 4 p.m. on June 19. Rain date is June 24. Josh said Anne is checking on local glass constructed awards plaques. Josh appointed Anne and Erica for

the Beautification Awards sub-committee members. The question was raised concerning driving around as a group. Josh informed the committee he and John Kennedy would check with Tracey Covert or the city legal department and let the committee know what decision is made. A Farmer's Market booth to inform the public about the annual Beautification Award was discarded. Josh will inform aldermen and media. Bobby will notify the WEB site manager. Parks and Recreation will pay for 2014 Beautification winner signs.

Wild Ones Grant :

Josh announced, we received the \$150.00 native plants grant. Appreciation was extended to Amy Davis for writing the proposal. Robin was appointed coordinator for the subsequent planting activities at Walt Bittner Park and the McDonald's corner location next to West Market Street. Bobby Moews will check on weed control for both sites.

Chairman's Report:

Josh said to plan for a longer meeting in June. The committee will spend a large amount of time planning for the remaining portion of FY 2015.

Downtown Bloomington Association Design Committee Report:

Martha gave a detailed report which she will send via email to members and which can be added as an addendum to these Minutes. Martha reported about murals on the Montgomery Wards building window spaces. She reported \$50.00 was donated to the Beautification committee for flower plantings. The Association is working on getting permission to paint traffic control boxes downtown. Martha will check on the where abouts of the 2 new large bike racks. There are 100 "heart downtown" signs available for free to the public at the DBA office.

Parks and Recreation Report:

Bobby reported 150 trees were donated to Bloomington by the State because of our "Tree City" designation. Xtreme of Bloomington asked the city for permission to do some planting. The Parks Department budget was not cut. The free mulch is gone.

New business:

None

Public comment:

None

Adjournment:

The next scheduled meeting is June 26 in the Osborn Room.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Morin