

MEETING AGENDA- Beautification Committee
The Oak Room
McLean County Government Center
115 E. Washington St., Bloomington IL

Thursday, August 18, 2022
6:00 p.m.

1. Joni Painter called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Joni Painter, Chair

Joya Davis
Ron Frazier
Daniel Freburg
Deborah Johnson
Sara Kemp
Chris Kraft
Gina Lavazza
Bobby Moews , Staff

Members Absent: Becky Altic

Jennifer Aurora
Robin VanDerMay

3. **Approval of minutes:** Ron Frazier moved and Deborah Johnson seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved

4. **Public comment:** None

5. **Collate and discuss Beautification Awards:** The committee went around the room sharing the vote they gave each property, votes were tallied up and averaged. The results were as follows:

9.11%- 2909 Coventry Ct. (residential)
9.11%- 304 W. Wood St. (residential)
8.75%- 416 Linden St. (residential)
8.66%- 216 E. Grove- The Meltdown (Business)
8.55%- 302 E. Washington- The Copy Shoppe (Business)
8%- 2801 Mowrey Dr. (residential)
7.44%- 111 Ruth Rd. (residential)
7.12%- 921 E. Washington- The Foundry (Business)
6.55%- 2110 Berrywood (residential)
4.88%- 1910 E. Taylor St. (residential)
(Winners are highlighted)

Discussion on how many awards would be given. Joni Painter suggested giving awards to everyone would take away from the meaningfulness of the award.

Daniel Freburg suggested 3 homes and 3 businesses, citing the more awards we give, the more entries we may get in coming years. It was stated in the past there have been as many as 50 homes

nominated, so we need to decide how many awards this year, and next year look at the amount of entries to decide how many awards. Joni Painter suggested 3 homes and 2 businesses for this year. Ron Frazier made a motion for awarding 3 homes and 2 businesses. Gina Lavazza seconds the motion. All were in favor for the motion. The winners will be awarded a sign and rock that Bobby from Parks and Rec will get ordered. (Winners are highlighted in the above list)

Winners will be notified with email, call and letter. Deborah Johnson agreed to draft the letter to be put on city letterhead and sent to the winners. Joni Painter is going talk to the city manager to try to get the Beautification Awards on the city's October agenda. Winners will be contacted once it is confirmed it is on the October agenda.

6. Update Bobby on spots in the City for plantings- Joni Painter suggested White Oak Park and around Luther Oaks for plantings. Also suggested was on Fox Creek Rd. from Danberry Ct to Fox Lake a clean-up and beautification.

7. Discuss Market Street corridor (number of pots for spring plantings and garbage pick-up)- Bobby says there are not a lot of pots available and there is not a lot of space to put pots. The City may not own the property where there is space to put them. Deborah Johnson was asked what she had in mind for her vision of beautifying this part of Market Street. Deborah thought past the viaduct along Market Street on the west side near the Dominos. Deborah and Bobby will get together to survey and discuss options of where planters can be placed.

8. Parks and Rec update- The City has been doing lots of mulching and weeding. There is an abundant about of mulch, so if anyone can think of where it can be used, let Bobby know. 250 tress will be planted this fall. If any areas are in need of trees being planted, let Parks and Rec know. The dead tress in Franklin Park will be removed and new ones planted. O'Neil Park has plans for major plantings, the goal is for the park and pool to be done by Memorial Day.

9. Committee member comments- Joni Painter asks Bobby if there is a clean-up week. Bobby states that the Ecology Action Center does a clean-up week in April. However, this would be better if it were done in March. Joni Painter suggests we work on getting a clean-up week for March. We can reach out to different groups to help- State Farm, kids who need service hours, fraternities and sororities. We will bring this up again for discussion this winter.

10. Adjournment- Ron Frazier made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Gina Lavazza. Motion Carried (Viva Voce). The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

These Minutes were unanimously approved at our meeting on October 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by *Gina Lavazza*