



Beautification Committee - REGULAR SESSION MEETING
GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1ST FLOOR, Oak Room
115 E. WASHINGTON ST., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023, 6:00 PM

1. Joni Painter called the meeting to order at 6 pm
2. Roll Call

Members Present: Joni Painter, Chair

Gina Lavazza

Chris Kraft

Jennifer Aurora

Deborah Johnson

Sara Kemp

Daniel Freburg

Members Absent: Fred Marling

Robin VanDermay

Staff Present: Dave Lamb- Parks Maintenance

3. Public Comment

No public comment was received

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from the July 20, 2023 meeting. Chris Kraft moves, Daniel Freburg seconds. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- 5 Regular Agenda

A. Tabulate ratings and vote of winners of Beautification Awards-

Committee goes around table giving their ratings for each property.

Joni Painter had the ratings from the 2 committee members not present (Fred Marling, Robin VanDermay). Deborah Johnson did not vote.

Jennifer Aurora and Daniel Freburg tabulated the scores. The five top winners to receive the award are as follows:

724 W. Washington St. - SCORE 9.375

1501 Grove St.- SCORE 9

1202 W. Jackson St. - SCORE 9

1401 Ridgeport - SCORE 8.6

2 Whites Place - SCORE 8.125

Gina Lavazza will go around to the winners to take photos of the properties. Joni Painter will contact property owners to let them know they are a winner of the Beautification award and get permission to use their names and addresses to promote. Dave Lamb will follow up on getting the award stones made and yard signs for the winners. The committee will aim for October get on the docket for the City Council to present the awards to the winners.

B. Update on Discussion with Mayor and City Manager- Joni Painter communicated that the city manager will talk to the Bloomington Fire Department about painting fire hydrants. There was resistance about changing the name to a board or commission. Joni Painter will revisit this at a later date.

C. Parks and Rec Updates- Dave Lamb announced that putting a fence in Buck-Mann Park has been approved. He will start working on getting quotes for the fence in the upcoming week. Buck-Mann Park will also receive trees to be planted, removal of the stake, a stone mason is going to come in and rework the stones on the fountain. The City will try to get the fountain working again. If that's not possible, an option would be to make it into a planter. Work is continuing in Sweeny Park and O'Neil Park. Parks are being painted in preparation for fall youth football. Preparations for Hill of a Race are going on. There has been lots of tree work from the recent storms that have passed through. The City still has free mulch for citizens available. The fountain in McGraw Park is being repaired.

6. Committee Member Comments- No Committee Member Comments

7. Adjournment. Sara Kemp motions to adjourn, Jennifer Aurora seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023.

