

City of Bloomington
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
May 23, 2013

Members Present:

Stan Cain
Sue Floyd
Patricia Morin
Josh Barnett
Anne Driskell
Jeff Hindman
Jan Laudeman
Tammi Winters
Julie Morton
Val Dumser

Members Absent:

Marlene Gregor
Martha Burk
Amy Davis
Bobby Moews

Others Present:

Robin VanDermay
Amy Krause

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. Other business

- 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 Kiwanis 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. Parks & Recreation Report

- 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. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for **7:00 pm on Thursday, June 27, 2013.**