

**City of Bloomington
Citizen's Beautification Committee
Thursday, April 21, 2022**

1. Robin VanDermay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Members present: Robin VanDermay, Chair
Becky Altic
Daniel Freberg
Gina Lavazza
Joni Painter
Bob Moews, Staff

Members absent: Eric Hansen
Conner Kaeb
Sarah Kemp
Adriane Powell
3. **Approval of minutes:** Becky Altic moved to approve the minutes as presented, Gina Lavazza seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Chairman's Report:** Robin VanDermay had no report this month.
6. **Beautification Awards:** Robin sent an email to Tom Rakestraw and the award process is set to be activated. Nomination forms will be sent to us and we can put them wherever we think people will be interested. Robin will take them to Casey's and AB Hatchery. Nominations will end at the end of May. We will drive around and look at them in June, then we will vote and the awards will be presented in August or September.
7. **Arbor Day:** Becky Altic spoke with Dave Lamb and he spoke with the principal of Trinity Lutheran School and the principal has narrowed down the tree selection to Ginko, Sunburst Locust or Purple Beech. Most likely it will be Purple Beech. It will be planted behind the school on April 29th at 1:30 p.m. (Arbor Day). Third graders will be present and may perform a skit. The Mayor will read a proclamation, and Council members and Committee members are welcome to attend. The City will plant the tree using their big planter. The children will help with mulching. The City will bring out the lectern, pop-up tent and chairs. Tom Rakestraw will take pictures. Becky will contact her friend who is a reporter for the Pantagraph to see if she wants to do a story. The entire program will last about 30 minutes.

8. **Discuss site for another mural:** Washington Street tunnel and Lakeside Country Club are being considered. Children from Illinois Art Station will paint the mural. We also discussed planting a raised bed by the current Washington St. mural.
9. **Discuss future clean up dates:** Six dates were presented:
- Tuesday, May 10th
 - Saturday, June 11th
 - Thursday, July 14th
 - Saturday, August 13th
 - Thursday, September 8th
 - Saturday, October 8th
- Joni moved to approve, Robin seconded, and the dates were unanimously approved.
10. **Parks and Rec update:** Approximately 250 trees have come in. 175 are bare root and the rest are balled and burlap. They started planting them today. They will start to mow next week. They will be hitting the waterways with chemicals to keep the grasses down. Bathrooms are opening up and drinking fountains will all be turned on this year. They are putting up new banners downtown, and there will be banners going down Main St. between Bloomington and Normal.
11. **Adjournment:** Daniel moved and Gina seconded to adjourn the meeting. It was unanimously approved, and Robin adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oak Conference Room located in the McLean County Government Center.

Respectfully submitted by *Joni Painter*