



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1ST FLOOR, OAK ROOM
115 E. WASHINGTON ST., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
APRIL 20TH, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

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

Members Present: Joni Painter, Chair

Gina Lavazza

Robin VanDermay

Ron Frazier

Chris Kraft

Jennifer Aurora

Deborah Johnson

Members Absent: Sara Kemp

Becky Altic

Daniel Freburg

Fred Marling

Staff Present: Bobby Moews, Superintendent, Parks Maintenance

3. Public Comment
No public comment was received
4. Approval of minutes
Robin VanDermay moved, Jennifer Aurora seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
5. Check website changes and make final tweaks
 - Changes still need to be made and updates completed by the city from our previous requests.
 - Idea for next year, drop the "Citizen Beautification Committee" and change to "Beautification Commission"
6. Arbor Day update—Gina, Robin, Bobby
Sheridan School 4th graders are going to put an Arbor Day readers theater. The Mayor will be there to give the proclamation. The program is to start at 1:30 pm.

Tree location has been finalized. Sheridan School is looking forward to the event, T-shirts were made for all the 4th graders to wear that day!

7. Discussion about next month's work day on May 18th

Next month's meeting will take place at Buck-Mann Park. We will have a start time of 5:30pm. The committee will look at the park and decide what we can do. We know the fence needs to either be repaired or replaced, we will look at the condition and discuss options. We will discuss what we can plant and where. The city can mulch and put on the list to be watered.

8 Update on Trex bench project—Becky

Becky was not able to be present at the meeting for updates. We will probably need to push back the starting date of the program until we know exactly what is involved and decide on a spot to place the plastic bag recycling bin. There are already people saving plastic for us, once we have a place for the bin we will start. If we are able to collect enough plastic bags for the bench, a possible location for the bench would be Buck-Mann Park.

9. Discuss progress on Beautification Awards project

Beautification Awards nominations are now open. This has been publicized in the paper, a link on the city's website and posted on the city's social media. Beautification members are encouraged to post on their personal social media if they want. The deadline is May 26th. Discussion that May 26th is still early in the season. We could possibly extend the deadline and do one final push for nominations at the end of May/beginning of June.

10. Parks and Rec update

- 246 trees are arriving to be planted. There will probably be extras that we can use to plant in Buck-Mann park. (Typically, the city has 10 to 20 extra trees).
- The zoo is looking very good, it has gotten some much needed updates; new fence and sidewalks have been installed.
- The seasonal workers are back. Mowing has begun. April and May are by far the busiest months for Parks and Rec.
- Opening of O'Neil has been pushed back to August. \$200,000 has been donated for landscaping for the new water park. Companies will be coming in to give their bids for the landscaping project.
- Burning is almost completed. Over 40 acres have been burned, including Tipton, White Oak and the golf courses.

11. Committee member comments- No member comments

12. Adjournment- Jennifer motioned to adjourn, Ron Frazier seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 at Buck-Mann Park at 5:30 pm.



Beautification Committee - REGULAR SESSION MEETING
GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1ST FLOOR, Oak Room
115 E. WASHINGTON ST., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
June 15th, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

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

Members Present: Joni Painter, Chair
Gina Lavazza
Ron Frazier
Chris Kraft
Jennifer Aurora
Deborah Johnson
Sara Kemp
Daniel Freburg

Members Absent: Fred Marling
Robin VanDermay

Staff Present: Bobby Moews and Dave Lamb- Parks Maintenance

3. Public Comment
No public comment was received
4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting. Ron Frazier moves, Chris Kraft seconds. The minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Approval of Minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting. Ron Frazier moves, Jennifer Aurora seconds. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- 5 Regular Session

A. **Discussion on website changes-** Updates still need to be made on the website. Citizen's is spelled wrong 3 times. The Ecology Action Center organizing clean-up week needs to be taken out. Email for corrections was sent by Joni Painter in January and May and issues still have not been resolved. Dave Lamb will contact the City IT department and work on getting the corrections made. Discussion on changing the name of