

**City of Bloomington
Citizen's Beautification Committee
Thursday, March 17, 2022**

1. Robin VanDermay called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: Robin VanDermay, Chair

Becky Altic
Conner Kaeb
Sarah Kemp
Gina Lavazza
Joni Painter
Bob Moews, Staff

Members absent: Daniel Freberg
Eric Hansen
Adriane Powell

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Chairman's Report:** Introductions were made. We have two new members, Conner Kaeb and Gina Lavazza. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the activities for the upcoming year.

5. **Beautification Awards:** 6 to 12 awards will be presented in September or October. We will ask for nominations from the public in June. We will use Facebook, various radio stations, the Pantagraph, and word of mouth. The form will be put on the City website and Parks and Recreation website (which is part of the City website). Private residences and businesses will be considered. The City Clerk needs to be put on notice that she will be receiving nominations to be passed on to the committee.

6. **Arbor Day:** This year Arbor Day is on Friday, April 29th at 1:30 p.m. Becky Altic will be the point person for this activity. She will contact Trinity Lutheran to see what kind of tree they want planted and where they want it located. Trees that the committee suggested were Ginko, Beech, Honey Locust, Bald Cypress, 7 Suns Flowering Tree, and Dogwood. The Mayor and City Council will be invited to the one hour event. The Mayor needs to sign a proclamation which will be sent to the National Arbor Day Foundation. Bloomington is a Tree City U.S.A. Community.

7. **Discuss site for another mural:** Bob Moews suggested a site on Lincoln St. by Lakeside Country Club. He will contact Lakeside to see what their feelings are about that. When a site is selected, children from the Illinois Art Station will paint the mural.

8. **Discuss future clean up dates:** Six places were targeted for clean up:

- Rollingbrook Park
- W. Market St.
- E. Washington St.
- Tipton Park to GE Rd.
- The trail from Keg Grove to Schooners
- Beich's to Stringtown Rd.

Robin will decide on dates and get back to us.

9. **Parks and Rec update:** 200 to 250 trees will be planted this Spring starting in April. Every tree they take down will be replanted unless it's in a residential parkway and the owner doesn't want it replaced. The City removes and plants approximately 600 trees a year.

10. Robin VanDermay adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oak Conference Room located in the McLean County Government Center.

These minutes were unanimously approved at our meeting on April 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by *Joni Painter*