



**Meeting Date:** January 26, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Meeting Location:** City Hall Committee Room  
118 Hillsboro Avenue  
Zoom Meeting

## EDWARDSVILLE BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Meeting called by** Benna Denué

**Type of meeting:** Monthly

**Note taker:** Benna Denué

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Benna Denué, Clint Solden, Susan Bautsch, Carol Peterson, Barbara Kinsella  
Sarah Cundiff, Nate Tingley, Rebecca Sievers, Chris Farrar

**Absent:** Kim Schoenfeld, Scott Weber

**Approved Signature:**

Benna Denué Approved Date: 2/23/21

### Public Comments

None submitted

## **Announcements & Communications**

### Membership and Appointments

#### **Agenda Items**

- January minutes approved with motion from Barbara Kinsella, second by Carol Peterson.
- Becky Sievers presented the budget report as of January 31, 2021 showing 75% of the year completed. Copy of the budget report was available at this meeting via zoom.
- Becky Sievers and Nate Tingley prepared a proposed 2021/2022 Beautification and Tree Commission Budget that will be submitted to the Finance Committee. Copy of this report was available at this meeting via zoom.
- Barbara Kinsella reported on the Cost Share Tree Planting Program. 53 applications were submitted, 32 reimbursed for a total of \$2,134.84.
- Sarah Cundiff reported Edwardsville awarded for the 20th<sup>h</sup> year Tree City USA and Growth Award certification.
- The Green Thumb Award, one of EBTC's longest running programs building good will and pride in the City, will return in 2021. Clint Soldan will again organize this program.
- Becky Sievers will oversee the Tree Keeper program, maintain locations, including updates on removal of trees and other contractual services.
- Carol Peterson reports Welcome to Edwardsville Entrance signs project is completed.

#### **Continuing Business: None**

#### **New Business**

- A resident of the Hillsboro and Chapman Streets neighborhood is concerned about the condition of the construction area connected to the Senior Housing project. Becky Sievers reassured that Public Works is working in this area and repairs addressing safety and poor condition of the sidewalks would be taken care of.
- Jill Schardt, Director of the Edwardsville Public Library, requested the help of EBTC with landscaping suggestions surrounding the library.
- Alderman Farrar suggested members of the Beautification and Tree Commission present at a City Council meeting a report on projects completed and on-going, the impact of the commission on Edwardsville and dedication of the commission members.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 7:32pm

Next meeting February 23,2021