Edwardsville Beautification & Tree Commission Minutes

Meeting called by: Benna Denue
Type of meeting: Monthly
Note taker: Jeffrey Papajcik

Attendees: Benna Denue, Susan Bautsch, Dennis Pluta, Jeanie Umbaugh, Kim Schoenfeld, Clint Soldan, Becky Standefer, Bob Pfeiffer, Larry Lipe
Absent: Chris Farrar, David Sirko, Wilma Jene Bond

Minutes

Agenda item: Reports

Discussion:
- Minutes from March 26, 2019 meeting reviewed and accepted; motion made by Clint & seconded by Larry
- Becky reported budget as of April 2019 – all monies budgeted for 2018 have been spent; May 1 begins the new fiscal year

Conclusions:
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Agenda item: EBTC Page(s) on City Web Site

Discussion:
- Becky has started maintenance and updating activities

Conclusions:
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Agenda item: Leclaire Park Fest

Discussion:
- Very successful; lots of interaction between EBTC volunteers and attendees.

Conclusions:
- Contacts were made for Tree City plantings

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Agenda item: Seed Packets

Discussion:
- Ready for distribution for Market Days and Garden Tour locations

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Green Thumb Nomination Award

Discussion:
- Form is ready on City web site; also will be available at Market Day in May
- Article in Intelligencer on 04/23/19

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Arbor Day Celebration

Discussion:
- Ceremony completed; Mayor Hal was there to read the proclamation
- A red point red maple was planted
- Article in Intelligencer on 04/29/19

Conclusions:

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✓ Arbor Day signage pickup from Springfield

Agenda item: Spring Flower Planting

Discussion:
- 45 pots in 15 downtown locations and at eight city buildings; approximately 1000 flowers

Conclusions:
- Would like to find local source for flowers

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✓ Plantings | All | 5/7 (or 5/14)
Agenda item: Cost Share Tree Planting Guidelines

Discussion:
- The ordinance for this specifically names homeowners, not commercial developers.
- Discussion was centered around changing the ordinance to cover more types of property, e.g., rentals.

Conclusions:
- Committee is not recommending any changes.

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Agenda item: Tree City Award

Discussion:
- The flag is no longer given free of charge.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Heritage Tree Program

Discussion:
- In order to go forward with this, there needs to be a partnership with a non-city entity.

Conclusions:
- Susan will continue to pursue discussion with Watershed.

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Agenda item: Clock Tower Project

Discussion:
- Clint & Kim did preliminary survey – 8-18” dirt over asphalt; excavation a must to have viable site.
- Possible partners are Tom Sherril & Sheila Voss (MO Botanical); possibilities of donations from interested commercial businesses.
- Becky estimates $10K for a contractor to remove existing & replace; Bob is enthusiastic but cautious as the site may have surprises due to historic uses; maybe two phases – remove dirt/plantings then assess sublayer.

Conclusions:
- Becky to get an idea of costs.

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New Business

New Volunteers/Members

Events
Drda Woods 400 trees planted in partnership with Heartland Conservatory
Goshen Market 5/18 Sue/Jeff
6/15 Larry/Dennis
7/20 Kim/Larry/Jeanie
Cemetery Tour 10/13
Le Claire Fest 10/20
EBTC meeting dates and time to remain as-is; official Committee members must go through the background check process; however meetings are open to the public for free participation

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Green Thumb Coordinator
This is Kim’s last year; looking for new person to take over

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New Ideas
Earth Edwardsville vision

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm
Next meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019.