

Edwardsville Beautification & Tree Commission Minutes

April 30, 2019

6:32 pm

City Hall

Meeting called by: Benna Denué

Type of meeting: Monthly

Note taker: Jeffrey Papajcik

Attendees: Benna Denué, 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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To-Dos

Person responsible

Deadline

✓

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

Discussion:

- Becky has started maintenance and updating activities

Conclusions:

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To-Dos

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Develop suggestions for additional pages

Kim/Jeff

Ongoing

Agenda item: Leclaire Park Fest

Discussion:

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

Conclusions:

- Contacts were made for Tree City plantings

To-Dos

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Follow-up on contacts

Benna/Clint

Jan. 29, 2019

Agenda item: Seed Packets

Discussion:

- Ready for distribution for Market Days and Garden Tour locations

Conclusions:

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To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
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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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To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓		

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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To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ 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

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ 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

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: Tree City Award

Discussion:

- The flag is no longer given free of charge.

Conclusions:

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To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓		

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

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Partnership agreement	Susan	September 2019

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

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Additional ideas	All	May/June mtgs

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

Leclaire 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

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
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Green Thumb Coordinator

This is Kim's last year; looking for new person to take over

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
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✓ Nominate new coordinator	All	October 2019
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New Ideas

Earth Edwardsville vision

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
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Continuing To-Dos

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
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Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019.