

Edwardsville Beautification & Tree Commission Minutes

May 28, 2019

6:31 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, Bob Pfeiffer, Larry Lipe, Wilma Jene Bond, Jack Butler, Chris Farrar

Absent: Becky Standefer, David Sirko

Minutes

Agenda item: Reports

Discussion:

- Minutes from April 30, 2019 meeting reviewed (minor corrections) and accepted; motion made by Wilma & seconded by Kim
- Bob reported budget as of April 2019 – Budget is about the same as last year. Need to change date in heading from 2018 to 2019.

Conclusions:

- Ongoing discussions will take place concerning where monies for Clock Tower project would come from

To-Dos

Person responsible

Deadline

✓

Agenda item: Market Day

Discussion:

- Updated schedule

Conclusions:

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To-Dos

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ 7/20

Kim

✓ 8/10

Needed

✓ 10/20

Clint

Agenda item: Green Thumb

Discussion:

- Kim provided a review of the current nominations
- BP owner is especially enthusiastic about participating
- Bob cautions the Committee to be sure nominees have not planted in the right-of-way
- Kim will be setting up various evenings for Committee members to tour and review nominees

Conclusions:

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To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓		

Agenda item: Heritage Tree Program

Discussion:

- Sue reports that there has been turnover in the Watershed Board/management
- Bob recommends that we wait until their situation is settled
- While the Cool City organization might be a partner, Bob does not recommend us working with them
- Sue reports that the Heartland Conservatory could be a partner for the Tree Inventory. There is a possibility of funding in September if EBTC can provide appropriate funds to assist.

Conclusions:

- Susan will continue to pursue discussion

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

Agenda item: Clock Tower Project

Discussion:

- Kim reports an asphalt removal bid of \$5900 has been received; sent to Becky; this is for removal only
- Bob notes that bidding thresholds are being changed which will improve our ability to proceed with small projects
- Jack notes that the site was previously a gas station
- Bob notes that there may be the possibility for irrigation if there is a nearby waterline
- Chris suggests that the plan includes estimates of our investment vs. other – sweat equity, Public Services providing dirt, etc.
- Benna suggests looking at local support, e.g. nearby businesses; Chris chimes in – Chamber of Commerce, Goshen Market

Conclusions:

- Bob recommends developing a plan/timeline from start to finish including tear out, new soil, planting plan, etc. to be presented to Public Services, ACS for approval.
- We should look for partners/contributors

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Additional ideas	All	June/July mtgs
✓ Info such as aerial photo, utility lines	Becky	June/July mtgs
✓ Prepare draft plan	Clint/Kim/Jeff	Sept. 2019

Agenda item: Spring Planting Flowers

Discussion:

- Pots at Auto Tire knocked over
- Library centerpiece flower "missing"
- Spent approximately \$2K on plants, \$1K on soil
- Jeff provided potential local source for flowers next year – The Garden Barn, Ashley Crays, 618.202.9181
- Jack suggests planting bulbs along entrance roadways but this has been done in the past and grass cutting drastically shortens their viability

Conclusions:

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To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact local flower source	Dennis	Sept. 2019

New Business

New Volunteers/Members

Benna nominates Laura Lynn as a new member

Events

Drda Woods	400 trees planted in partnership with Heartland Conservatory
Goshen Market 6/15	Larry/Dennis
7/20	Kim/Larry/Jeanie
Cemetery Tour 10/13	
Leclaire Fest 10/20	

To-Dos	Person responsible	Deadline
✓		

Green Thumb Coordinator

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

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

New Ideas

Earth Edwardsville vision

Sue did research; SIUE students are partnering now – all projects are developed. This is a much broader initiative (ice rink, parking, resilience, sustainability, etc.)

Continuing To-Dos

To-Dos

Person responsible

Deadline

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting scheduled for June 25, 2019.