



Meeting Date: June 29, 2021
Meeting Time: 6:30 P.M.
Meeting Location: City Hall Committee Room
118 Hillsboro Avenue
Zoom Meeting

EDWARDSVILLE BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting called Susan Bautsch **Type of** Monthly
Note taker: Barbara Kinsella

Roll Call:

Present: Clint Solden, Susan Bautsch, Carol Peterson, Barbara Kinsella,
Nate Tingley, Rebecca Sievers, Chris Farrar, Camille Bourisaw, *Kim Schoenfeld*

Absent: Sarah Cundiff, Scott Weber

Approved Signature

Approved Date

7/27/21

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Public Comments

None

Announcements & Communications

Rachel Tompkins and Kristen Pauli from the city of Edwardsville Cool Cities Committee spoke to the BTC about possible collaboration between the two groups to promote pollinator gardens in our city parks or other appropriate places. Questions were asked about responsibility for upkeep, costs, labor, maintenance, etc. Ms. Tompkins and Ms. Pauli were told the BTC would have a discussion about this collaboration and would respond at a later date.

Agenda Items

- May minutes approved with motion from Clint Soldan and seconded by Carol Peterson. All approved.
- Becky Sievers presented the budget recap.

Continuing Business:

- Green Thumb - Clint reported that there were 8 viable nominations to date. Clint will continue to interview, review pictures/gardens/data, etc. Hopefully signs will be placed in gardens within the next month.
- Clock Tower - Kim reported that mulch was needed. City will deliver mulch and BTC members will spread.
- Long term goals and strategic planning - Budget Review- Becky reviewed the current budget to determine how much money may be available for long term goals. Money would come from Project Allocations or Contractual Services. It was agreed that some of the money be allocated for needed work on dead/dying trees and planting new trees.
- Canteen-Cahokia Creek Watershed Grant – Becky presented a detailed report with maps showing where potential trees could be planted. Special attention was given to a project near the water treatment plant.

There are many considerations to address including utilities, maintenance, cooperation of businesses that may be affected, etc. The committee agreed that Becky should move forward in investigating the grant.

New Business

- Entrance Signs – It was noted that many of the plants that were placed in the fall have died or perhaps have been eaten by animals. Various members of the committee will investigate different plants that may be more suitable.
- Beautification of LeClaire Field and Hoppe Park – Members will seek input from professionals re: suggestions for plants that can withstand hot sun and require minimal maintenance. Discussed removal of water feature at LeClaire Field.
- Tree replacement in Tower Park – Clint reported on trees that have been removed, some that still need to be removed, and the need to plant some replacement trees.

- Emerald Ash Borer – Sarah was contacted by Nick at Arbor Management about the BTC providing some educational material for our citizens about the Emerald Ash Borer. A suggestion was made that we could do that through our website.
- Arboricultural Specification Manual Review – Becky suggested that this manual should be reviewed yearly to ensure that it is up-dated as needed.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 8:25 pm

Next meeting July 27, 2021 @ 6:30