



Meeting Date: September 20, 2023

Meeting Time: 5:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: City Hall, Committee Room
118 Hillsboro Avenue

EDWARDSVILLE BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members

Sarah Cundiff, Chairman Ken Noll
Susan Bautsch Scott Weber.
Clint Soldan Jan Ruckman

Ex-Officio Members

Chris Farrar, Alderman
David Sirko, Public Works
Nate Tingley, Parks &
Recreation
Marc Miller, Horticulturist

Approved Signature: /s/S. Cundiff: by Staff Liason Nate Tingley Date: 10/18/23

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Ken Noll excused, Chris absent

Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2023, by Scott, Clint seconded, all approved.

Public Comment: Allan Vest, resident who lives on Buchanan, speaking again. His differences with his neighbors/city have escalated. The Intelligencer has reported on this situation. Mr. Vest is reporting the city has cut down all plants in both his front and back yards. He states he may be taking legal action. This is the fourth time Mr. Vest has spoken at the EBTC.

Reports:

Budget: David reported all bills related to downtown flower pots have been paid. Still to come out of the budget are the pollinator pathway signs.

Continuing Business:

1. Green Thumb Awards - All signs have been picked up.
2. Public Works Landscaping - Marc and Ken designed the plan, and bids were requested from four companies. Sarah made a motion to approve Garden Kingdom at \$13,942, Scott seconded. All approved.
3. Pollinator Pathway Signs - David reported they are ordered for all areas designed as pollinator pathways.

New Business:

1. Trees Forever Grant - Grant applied for, 2500 trees. City will need to approve and track.
2. 50/50 Tree program - 14 responses thus far. Public Works is following up on applications. End of November is the deadline.
3. Street tree corridors zoning - Idea to create tree corridors when new developments happen, specifically in the downtown areas.
4. Main Street construction project - Discussing new concepts to incorporate flower beds within the sidewalks instead of having flower pots each summer.

Discussion: Scott discussing with the High School horticulture program regarding all the cannas he grows. Clint reported additional water needed at Clock Tower beds.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 6:10 PM

Next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2023.

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All voting must be accomplished via roll call

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