



Meeting Date: October 18, 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: 12/13/23

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Jan Ruckman excused, David absent

Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2023, by Scott, Clint seconded, all approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports: Budget: Some purchases may still be outstanding.

Continuing Business:

1. Green Thumb Sign pickup - One sign overlooked, Marc will follow up.
2. Public Works Landscaping - All hardscape removed. Plants ordered except witch hazel. Planting to begin within the following week.
3. Pollinator Pathway Signs - Tabled
4. Trees Forever Grant - Grant will be used for trees by the Dog Park on Schwartz Street.
5. 50/50 Trees Program - Cathy Hensley, City Communications, reported 34 applications requested, 19 have been applied and 12 tree receipts received.
6. Street corridors zoning - Sarah has followed up with the mayor and a few city officials with this concept.
7. Main Street Construction project - Examples of the idea to incorporate trees within planting beds along Main Street. More information is needed from Public Works.

New Business:

1. Daffodil planting at Public Works - Marc will send out email to assist with this project. He is having some difficulty finding supplier for a smaller number of bulbs.
2. Goshen Island beds tree planting - Ornamental trees within four islands are in decline. Shade trees to be substituted. Crane provided an estimate for trees for these islands. Two separate bids fit within our budget. Other tree planting opportunity is on 157, north of Center Grove, east side of the street. Motion made to approve \$10,000 for these trees made by Scott, Clint seconded and all approved.
3. O'Fallon Parks tour recap - Sarah, Nate and Marc toured the City of O'Fallon, IL, parks given by their full time Horticulturist. She has worked for O'Fallon for ten years. Several new ideas were discussed such as conversion to no mow spaces.
4. LeClaire Parkfest recap - Sarah and Clint manned our table at the Parkfest providing information about trees. Sarah enjoyed and said attendees are easier to engage and eager to talk about trees.

Discussion: Scott mentioned he will be digging up the cannas soon to store for winter.

Meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 5:48 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for November 15, 2023.

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