



Meeting Date: December 13, 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

Date: 1/10/24

Call to Order:

Roll Call: excused Clint Soldan, Marc and David absent

Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2023, by Susan, Scott seconded, all approved.

Public Comment: Kevin Head, City Manager, explained why the city decided to combine the EBTC and the Cool Cities Committee. Conservation and environmental areas will be the focus. Three members of the Cool Cities group were present. A mutually agreeable meeting time was decided upon. It will be the second Wednesday at 5:30 PM each month. Sarah explained the term limits of either one, two or three years. New name will be Edwardsville Environmental Commission.

Alan Vest attended again. He is pleased with the direction the city is moving regarding native plants. He is going to register on the pollinator pathway as a private citizen.

Reports: Budget and Horticulture: Not available.

Continuing Business:

1. Pollinator Pathway signs - Signs have shipped and will be available around Christmas.
2. 50/50 Tree Program - Fifty applications received, 27 trees have been purchased, receipts received. Marc and Jan will verify tree planting/placement. All receipts must be in by the end of the year.
3. Main Street Construction project - This will run from the Napa store to the bus station, and is to

- begin in spring. An idea to incorporate planting beds will be sent to Public Works and ACS.
4. Fall tree planting update - Marc is working on the Goshen road islands. New trees to be planted on the east side of north 157, waiting for IDOT approval. Diverse variety of trees are on reserve.

New Business:

1. Flower pots on Main Street - Question regarding 2024 order due to upcoming construction project. Regular size order to be sent.
2. Warranty for trees on Governors Parkway behind MELHS - Deer damage is significant. Marc will follow up on the warranty for these trees.
3. End of season clean up - Compliments to the Parks staff. City Park looked especially nice. Early spring (50 degree weather) recommended for cutting back the pollinator gardens (LeClaire ball field).

Meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 5:51 PM.

Next meeting will be the new Edwardsville Environmental Commission on January 10, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

Committee/board member must be present in person for meetings. If not available, then City Administrator or City Attorney must be present.

All meetings must be physically available to the public to participate

All voting must be accomplished via roll call

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