

Village Beautification Committee Meeting

Minutes - September 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Arlene Burke. Those in attendance were Arlene Burke, Committee Chair, Sandra Finley, Village Liaison, Susan Gatlin-Moroney, Sue Gowen and Belinda Lowry. A guest, Edward Davis of Graymoor was also in attendance. He has applied to be on the Beautification Committee, and his application is currently pending final approval.

The August 16, 2021BC minutes were reviewed and accepted as written. Moved by Susan G. and 2nd by Susan GM. They will be submitted to the Village. Today's meeting minutes were taken by Susan GM.

Village Updates – Sandra Finley, Village Liaison

Sandra F. indicated that Public Works has completed repair work on the re-grading and landscaping in two islands in Arcadia. Two areas were in dire need of repair due to continued flooding in the areas and huge rutting by vehicles.

Southland Green Committee – Sue Gowen

Recycle information, previously presented to VBC will be placed in the Village Newsletter. Olympia Fields hosted the last meeting of the Green Committee at Bradford Barn. The primary purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the annual "Pumpkin Smash" event which will be held on November 6th after Halloween. Funding was requested from VOF to assist, with other communities, in preparing the notifications to the community. Previously it has been held at Coyote Run Golf Course, no location was noted in the minutes for this year's event.

Volunteers are needed to assist on the day of the Pumpkin Smash. Notice will be posted on Channel 4 and in a notice to all Homeowners Associations and in our next newsletter. Sue G. will prepare notices.

Another issue brought to the forefront was the build up of trash along Western Ave and along Vollmer Rd. Follow up will be conducted to determine if and when this can be accomplished by the Village, roadway authority. Inquires were sent to Terence A., Public Works about all pending projects by Arlene B.

Home Improvement Program

The home at 3442 Attica was nominated for consideration and was approved based upon information submitted. A letter will go out to the homeowner.

Morton Arboretum Tree Donation Program

Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the tree being donated to our Village. Several sites were discussed and Daryl, Village Arborist, will be advised about our suggestions but final tree placement will be his decision.

Village Hall Landscape Improvements

Discussion ensued re: beautification efforts at the Village Post Office. The little bit of ground in front of the building is tended to by a women's group but there is little else there. Planters were suggested and all concurred that this was a good idea to pursue.

Arlene B. and DJ are still in discussion about the center island next to Village Hall. Removal of the dead/dying existing plants can be done by Public Works which would lessen our costs. It will be done this fall. All

concluded with this approach. In addition, Arlene B. indicated that Eternally Green should not be hired again. They do not have the skills needed to complete their work competently. Public Works has been advised. Public Works looked at our sign on Western/Vollmer and discovered it was not mold on the sign and just needed a little touch up paint. It was taken care of by Public Works.

Village 50/50 Tree Program

Discussion ensued re: tree types, source for securing trees, whether or not the Village in conjunction with Public Works could be the intermediary for securing, picking up and dropping off the tree(s) vs having DJ procure and deliver said trees.

The deadline for submittal of the final bill for Village Landscape Grant payment approval would be before the 2nd week in April. This was discussed based upon any delays experienced by a Homeowners Association.

The deadline for the program information to go out to village homeowner's presidents for residents was set for this week. The deadline for applications to be submitted will be Sept. 27, 2021. Myriam will be the Village contact. Information will be on Village web site and Channel 4. Sandra F. indicated that she announced this upcoming program at the last Village Board Meeting.

Village Landscape Program

Original Village has submitted a grant request. It is in the review process currently. Any feedback should be sent to Arlene as soon as possible.

TreeKeepers Program – Susan GM

Susan GM will write up a brief article about TreeKeepers for the newsletter.

VBC Membership

Discussion ensued re: members not participating in the committee. Letters from the Village President will go out to those members thanking them for their participation and serving on the committee.

BC Meetings

A new time was set for the Village Beautification Committee meetings post discussion of same. The time will now be 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall. The BC meeting was called to a close at 7:15

The next meeting will be on October 18th at 5:30.