

**City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Monday, August 20th, 2012
Conference Room, City Hall
6:00 p.m.**



Minutes

Board Members Present: Karen Lawler, Rose Berry, Gigi Bullman, Tom Irby, Alice Tucker, Amy Goddard Robison, Joe Hackett, Sue Bish, Pat Cross, Lisa Thomas, Ray Lewis and Dorothy Thomas.

Board Members Absent: Liz Cuneo, Julie Ray, and Councilwoman Ronica Ondocsin.

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Sue Bish in Liz Cuneo's absence.

Finance report was provided by Sue Bish:

- \$ 13,629.68 (Beautification Board)
- \$ 5,901.00 (Tree Board)

Tree Board Updates:

Tree Ordinance Update – Tom Irby

Tom Irby reported that Amy Bell, Director of Commercial Development, is still working on the Tree Ordinance. She said that it will probably be ready in a few months and will send Tom a draft of the ordinance for review, and update him when it is ready for approval.

Stephanie Walker of the Madison Library spoke with Pat Cross indicating that there were some trees in the Children's Garden that needed to be removed and asked for Board assistance. Pat Cross told the Board that the money we gave the Board was for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the trees. At this point any removal would become the responsibility of the city's Public Works Department.

Beautification Board Updates:

Beautification Awards and Judging Wrap-up – Pat Cross/Karen Lawler

Pat reported that from the 2011 winners, 12 did not reapply. Sixteen signs were pulled. There were a total of 77 winners and there were 21 new signs. A special "Thank You" was sent to Leroy Jackson's supervisor Kory Alfred at Parks and Recreation for all his support in removing and installing the signs. Pat Cross also reported that all Beautification Award information has been provided to Karen Lawler in preparation for 2013.

Awards Luncheon – Liz Cuneo/Sue Bish

Sue Bish reported that last year the Beautification Committee lost \$903.83 on the Awards Luncheon. This year there was only a loss of \$343.74. Sue attributed the savings to better coordination of the Awards Luncheon RSVP's.

Pride of Madison – Ray Lewis

Ray reported on Joan Moran's article in the *Madison Weekly News* and his plans for next year.

Yards of Madison – Rose Berry

Rose reported that the nominations from the public for Yards of Madison were very slow. She stated that the majority of the nominations were coming from the Board Members.

Signature Bench/Trash Receptacle Update – Sue Bish

Sue Bish updated the Board that \$500.00 was received from the Mayor's Office to pay for one-half of a Signature Bench. Sue also informed the Board that one Signature Bench and one Trash Receptacle have been ordered from New Market Iron Works. The new bench and trash receptacle will be delivered and installed around the gazebo area in downtown Madison. Liz Cuneo and Steve Abbott, Director of Public Works and in coordination with Cody Phillips, city Building Supervisor, will mark exact spots for their location. The target date of delivery is before the Madison Street Festival in October.

Nominating Committee for 2013 Officers – Sue Bish

Sue Bish announced the Nominating Committee for the 2013 officers. They are Karen Lawler, Tom Irby and Julie Ray. Karen, Julie and Tom will present the list of nominees at the September meeting.

Special note: In the absence of the Secretary, Lynda Johnston, guest, assisted Sue Bish with notes of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ray
Secretary