

**City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Monday, October 15th, 2012
Conference Room, City Hall
6:00 p.m.**



Minutes

Board Members Present: Liz Cuneo, Julie Ray, Tom Irby, Alice Tucker, Amy Goddard May, Lisa Thomas, Ray Lewis and Dorothy Thomas.

Board Members Absent: Karen Lawler, Rose Berry, Joe Hackett and Councilwoman Ronica Ondocsin.

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Liz Cuneo, with a reminder that this is the last meeting for 2012.

Finance report was provided by Liz Cuneo:

- \$ 11,640.73 (Beautification Board)
- \$ 5,901.00 (Tree Board)

Liz also noted that the budget for 2013 has not yet been approved.

Tree Board Updates:

Tree Ordinance Update – Tom Irby

Tom Irby reported that Amy Bell, Director of Community Development and Planning, is still working on the Tree Ordinance. The current ordinance updates are still in the development and coordination phase. Tom will continue to coordinate with Amy as questions arise.

Arbor Day Tree Planting – Liz Cuneo

Liz discussed the advantages of scheduling the tree planting in February instead of November and the board is in agreement. Tom Irby provided photos of a new Red Bud hybrid that could be one of the trees planted for Arbor Day. Several additional ideas were discussed as to where and how many trees the Board would provide in support of this activity. Tom and Dorothy Thomas will coordinate this activity.

Arbor Day Poster Contest – Lisa Thomas/Alice Tucker

Lisa Thomas and Alice Tucker reported that the introductory notices concerning the contest had been sent to Madison schools and that the room had been reserved at Dublin Park for the Poster judging in January. The Arbor Day theme for this year is “Trees are Terrific . . . from Acorns to Oak.”

Beautification Board Updates:

Book Donation to Madison Public Library – Liz Cuneo/Gigi Bullman

The list of books noted below was pulled together by Gigi Bullman. The board approved the purchase, and Liz Cuneo ordered and delivered these titles to the Madison Public Library:

- Adult: Native Trees for North American Landscapes - Jim Wilson
- Tough As Nails Flowers for the South - Norman Winter
- Child: Wanda's Roses - Pat Brisson
- The Busy Tree - Jennifer Ward
- The Curious Garden - Peter Brown

Pride of Madison – Ray Lewis

Ray reported removal of signs by Public Works for an organization that is no longer supporting the POM program. Ray will also be following up on the sign posted for Three Springs School in Madison.

Yards of Madison – Rose Berry

Rose has just completed the final set of awards for this year and is working on new ideas for next year for this program.

Signature Bench/Trash Receptacle Update – Liz Cuneo

Liz Cuneo reported that the signature bench was installed on the City Green, along with a matching trash receptacle. Liz expressed her appreciation to Public Works for their help in pouring the pads the bench and trash receptacle now sit upon. Both items were in place prior to the Madison Street Festival.

2013 Board Officer Nominations – Liz Cuneo/Karen Lawler

The Nominating Committee for 2013 (Karen Lawler, Tom Irby and Julie Ray) coordinated nominations for all board positions. The board approved the following positions:

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| President, Madison Beautification & Tree Board: | Karen Lawler |
| Vice President, Beautification Board: | Alice Tucker |
| Vice President, Tree Board: | Tom Irby |
| Treasurer: | Lisa Thomas |
| Secretary: | Julie Ray |

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ray
Secretary