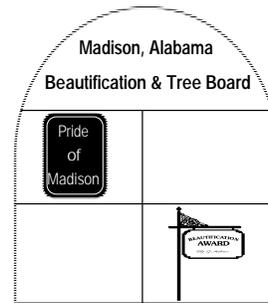


**City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Monday May 20th, 2013
Conference Room, City Hall
6:00 p.m.**



Minutes

Board Members Present: Karen Lawler, Alice Tucker, Tom Irby, Lisa Thomas, Julie Ray, Joe Hackett, Karen Forsyth, Rose Berry and Ray Lewis.

Board Members Absent: Meredith Kilby, Dorothy Thomas, Linda Kinney, Councilman Gerald Clark.

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Karen Lawler.

The minutes from the meeting on April 15th, 2013 were approved by the Board.

Finance report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer:

- \$ 18,089.99 (Beautification Board)
- \$ 7,488.53 (Tree Board)

Beautification Board Updates:

Beautification Awards – Alice Tucker

Alice Tucker reported that out of the total of 87 entries received, 85 would be awarded the Beautification Award. To accommodate all awards, additional signs need to be procured. In addition, 4 signs would need to be pulled from properties that had chosen not to re-apply. There were a few properties that received scores that were borderline for the award, and in those cases, the properties were re-evaluated. Meredith Kilby is taking photographs of all of the winning properties so they may be included in the presentation during the Awards Luncheon.

Beautification Awards Luncheon Update – Alice Tucker

Alice Tucker reported that this year's luncheon would be at the Best Western in Madison, and that the luncheon was scheduled for June 27th, 2013. There is a concern that the venue will not be able to accommodate all attendees. Reservations will be watched to ensure all winning property owners will be able to attend. Lisa Thomas volunteered to help with tracking the reservations. Karen Lawler will procure centerpieces for all tables. In addition, Karen will contact the Mayor's office to ensure the

Mayor and council members are invited.

Pride of Madison

Ray Lewis reported that one of the Pride of Madison signs for St. Johns was replaced. He also stated he is continuing to work with the Rainbow Mountain Homemakers to find a less strenuous route. Finally, Ray reported that with the exception of the stretch of Hughes Road between Browns Ferry Road and Mill Road, all of Hughes Road was covered by the Pride of Madison program. This is a first and major accomplishment of the Beautification Board and Ray was commended for his diligence.

Yards of Madison

Rose Berry stated that articles have been submitted to the local newspaper and posted on the MBTB Facebook page concerning this year's Yards of Madison program. Rose requested that all members need to provide Yards of Madison nominations (including the homeowner's names and addresses) to Rose Berry.

Chamber of Commerce, Business Expo – Lisa Thomas

Lisa Thomas briefly discussed the board's upcoming participation in the Madison Chamber of Commerce Business Expo scheduled for July 27th at Dublin Park facility. The board agreed that each Program Lead would provide information on their respective programs in support of this activity. The board agreed to discuss this in more detail during the next meeting.

Tree Board Updates:

Landscape/Tree Ordinances Update – Tom Irby

Tom Irby reported that the ordinance updates had been completed and there were being reviewed within the office. Tom stated that when the ordinance was ready for MBTB review, he would distribute to all members.

Update of Board By-Laws & Handbook – Tom Irby

Tom Irby distributed the By-Laws to all board members, and reviewed comments he had received. It was observed that the comments were primarily editorial in nature. Tom indicated he would make the updates and provide to the City Clerk. Tom agreed that he would coordinate back with the board to inform them on any other requirements to help with the final update of the By-Laws.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Julie Ray