

BLOOMFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday July 22, 2025

Present: Sharon, Rise, Ruth Brian, Claire, Beverly, Dayle, Peter, Mary

Meeting Commenced at 5:35 pm. Minutes approved by Brian, seconded by Mary, and unanimously approved.

*Landscape presentation by Paul Butler cancelled due to being out of the country. It has been rescheduled for September 23.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Deadline for Notable Landscape nominations is August 15. Nominations may be commercial or residential, front gardens only. Judges will consider: pollinators, creativity, hardscaping, neatness, organization of gardens.

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- C. SHOUTOUTS & BIG THANKS to Peter, Dayle, Sharon: Clean-up FRP; Ruth: Police Dept.; Mary, Claire, Gwen, Brian: Mary Hill Green; Beverly: watering Town Hall and 330 Park; Beverly and Sharon: Municipal Pool.

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- D. **Trees for Free** Community Giveaway environmental Tree program.
Thirty-one trees ordered. Also, mulch and compost ordered.
August 12-31: TFB volunteers to meet with homeowners to select planting locations in FRONT yards only. We will provide them with info to contact CBYD Call Before You Dig. Treekeepers will make their own arrangements to meet with their assigned homeowners.
September 6: Trees to be delivered to DPW.
September 13: Recipients will pick up their trees at DPW. If owners are unable to load their tree into their vehicle, we will deliver their tree the following week. A service donated by Ron Pitz.

- E. August Maintenance Schedule:

August 12, Tuesday, 8 AM: Electric sign and Town Green

August 14, Thursday 8 AM: FRP (Dayle & Peter)

August 16, Saturday 8 AM: Town Hall

Date TBD: Mary Hill (Gwen & Claire)

Date TBD: Swimming Pool

Peter: regarding Parks – Plan for Conservation Development. It's more about housing and mobility. Jon Coleman is open to feedback from city planning.

FRP is a jewel that could generate public groups to care for it, i.e. "Friends of FRP." At this time, there are no such groups for FRP or any of our parks. Need to follow up on this idea, perhaps by celebrating the owls, or the fish...perhaps a business could adopt the park?

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Treekeepers will mulch the trees planted by them three years ago on Park Ave and 330 Park by the tennis courts: Brian volunteered to spread the mulch and do edging on THURSDAY, JULY 31. Sharon will search for additional volunteer(s).
- B. Gwen will take judges around to visit gardens.
Nominations on the 15. Sharon will discuss with Gwen.
- C. The BBC members will visit the horticultural gardens at Micro Meadow: August 28 at 5:30 pm: 697 Cottage Grove, Bloomfield
- D. Notable Landscape recognition of Winners will be at Filley Park Pavilion
Tentative dates: September 14.
Rise suggested winners be notified by mail with a "pretty" card. mailed to notify winners.
We will award lawn signs to winners at the party.
- E. No DPW report-No representative present.
Ruth spoke with Bart regarding the problem of nonpermitted commercial signs placed around Bloomfield. Bart said such signs may be removed and placed next to city dumpsters or waste bins for disposal.
Another blight issue was the appearance of scattered unsightly junk in the front yard of daycare house near Terry Plains Rd. It was recommended that committee should check it out and suggestion options.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 PM, by Brian and seconded by Claire.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday August 26, 2025 – 5:30 pm