Bloomfield Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022

Present: Lucy Eyre, Gwen Findlay, Rise Cappadonna, Sharon Mann, Henriette Herzfeld, Deb Gosselin, and Mary Briggs

Not present: Wendie Dicorcia, Dan Carter, and Joanne Mitchell

Meeting began at 5:39pm and was adjourned at 7pm. Held at the Human Services Center, room 131.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved

Welcome: Mary Briggs (maybuggs50@gmail.com)

Old business-Updates

A) Garden maintenance reports: gardens at the police department and Mary Hill have been mulched, town hall gardens have been cleaned up, and Rise & Joanne are working on the gardens at the pool tomorrow 4/27.
   Bloomfield is looking to hire a part time horticulturist, Sharon will sit in on the interviews, would like someone experienced who can id & care for plants and who would work with the DPW and BBC.

B) Logistics for Arbor Day Ceremony April 29th, 1:30pm-2:15pm: Be there at 1pm to set up chairs at oak tree on Bloomfield Avenue and hand out stickers. Wear Trees for Bloomfield shirts. No sign-in needed.

C) Mother’s Day Guided ID Walk: Be there at 9am to setup. Walk starts at 10am. There will be 2 groups – one with Kevin Wilcox starting along the high road and one with Lucy Eyre starting along the river road. They will switch directions at the house. Zellene may not be able to attend due to a medical issue but will be the bird specialist. There will be 2 sweepers Paula Jones and Kevin Gough. Patty and her daughter will have a table set up with information. There are 40 plants to be distributed. Bags with sunflower seeds will be given out in memory of the mothers in Ukraine.

D) Volunteer Lists: regular volunteer list 58, Trees for Bloomfield list 24, active volunteers 5 and committee members 9.

E) Notable Landscape Subcommittee Update-discussion: tabled until next meeting

F) BBC Instagram Update: 144

G) Farmington River Park Update: Blue stone pad leading up to and beyond the kiosk is in.

H) Trees for Bloomfield: 80 trees will be given away in 4 census districts and planted in the fall.
   Trees will be in 15-gallon containers. The homeowners and 3 people teams called TreeKeepers Tree force will decide where the trees get planted-preferably in the front yard. There will be follow up on the trees for 3 years with Ron Pitz and others teaching the homeowners how to prune them during the second year. The post cards are waiting for confirmation of tree availability.

I) Arboretum at Bloomfield Town Hall: Lucy, Sharon, and Wendie will be taking care of the town hall gardens. Lucy will take care of the garden around the electric sign on Bloomfield Avenue. Daria has resigned from the committee and Lucy, Ron Pitts, Sharon, and Kevin Wilcox will take care of the arboretum. 100 new brochures have been printed for the box at the ARBORETUM at Bloomfield Town Hall for the box attached to the Kiosk. Scott has put a map of the arboretum with pictures of the trees on the website and update BBC town website page.
New Business

A) **Report from Dan Clark, DPW**: Dan was unable to attend meeting. Mulch was put in much earlier this year. 8 peonies have been donated for the garden at the pool.

B) **Plantings for Memorial Day**: 5/25 planting at the Prosser library (Tatiana and Deb) and 5/27 Lucy will do the planting around the electronic sign (Bloomfield Avenue). Planting day is 5/28 for the town green and town hall.

C) **Install hanging baskets (8) at town hall**: They will be hung on 5/6 weather permitting and Mary will be caring for them.

D) **Other**

Calendar: Next meeting: **Tuesday May 24**

**Minute takers:**
- May-Rise: Sept.-Henriette
- June-Wendie: Oct.-Joanne
- July-Lucy: Nov.-Deb
- Aug.-Gwen