

Urban Forest and Flower Committee Meeting

May 18, 2022

Call to order:

Mr Woolfington @ 2:04 PM

Roll Call:

Board Members—Mike Woolfington, Cameron Arnold, Mike Hite, Jim Marquardt, Luke Felde, Steve Listenberger, Bob Yoder, Jodie Overmyer, and Dan Shuppert. Mayor Mark Senter also in attendance.

Approval of April 27, 2022 minutes. With a change of adding Dan Shuppert in attendance, Jim. M. motioned to approve, Mike Hite seconded.

Old Business –

Fall tree planting – Jessica Knill requested a tree for fall of 2022. Address 1222 North Center Street. 574-952-2-726 Luke thought it would be a good idea if several of the committee members could get together to scout out additional locations for fall. It was suggested that we look into using Slusher’s Green Thumb as a future contractor, and also to look into Blue River Nursery as a supplier for trees.

Flowers – Mike reported flowers downtown had been planted, Cameron said that they had been watered and were looking pretty good.

Trees Downtown – Additional discussion was held concerning the Honey Locust trees downtown. Mike Hite asked what the standard answer should be when asked about them. It was decided that it should be said that they are “a work in progress”. Bob Yoder said that there needs to be funds included in the future for on-going maintenance for any replacement trees. Mike H. asked if there really had to be trees installed to replace these as they are removed. It was asked if they project needs to be looked at as a “whole”, with sidewalks and electrical renovations needing to be addressed as well. The possibility of grant opportunities was discussed, as this improvement could run into the millions.

New Business – Jamie Schrameyer was supposed to have attended to do a presentation about wild flowers in the ramps at State Rd. 17 and US 30 interchange. She did not attend.

Luke asked the mayor again about volunteers to help remove burlap etc. from last year’s tree planting. The mayor didn’t think that would work, so Luke and Jodie will finish up that project in the coming weeks.

Jim M. indicated to Jodie that she should send the minutes of the meeting to Kyle Williams and the agenda for the upcoming meeting as well. She said that she would make sure to do that in the future.

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr Arnold

Second: Mr Hite

All were in favor @ 3:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2022 2:00 pm Plymouth Street Department