

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross at 3:32 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ross took the roll call. It indicated as follows:

Commission Attendance

PRESENT: Commissioner Almanzo, Chairman Berman Ross, Commissioner Nunez, Commissioner Tancredi, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Woodard

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Arlene Doran, Sandy Washburn and Lynne Monroe, Village Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Arlene Doran and Sandy Washburn from WildOnes were present to share the activities and goals of the group the WildOnes. As a community group focused on native and natural landscapes, Sandy expressed a desire to collaborate with the Beautification Committee and share their education and volunteer efforts. Jenny Ross mentioned that she reached out to them to be part of the Spring into Summer event. Sandy expressed a desire to participate if there was still room.

Sandy invited everyone to the Fremont Library on March 5th for a WildOnes' Dark Skies presentation.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the February 20, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve the Beautification Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2024.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Catherine Almanzo
SECONDER:	Commissioner Margaret (Peg) Tierney
AYES:	Catherine Almanzo, Jenny Berman Ross, Kim Nunez, Colleen Tancredi, Margaret (Peg) Tierney
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION REPORT

Chris Woodard reported that MAC is interested in a STAR collaboration and suggested Courtland Commons. The STAR will have a marigold, monarch, and a Mexican heritage

theme. MAC is willing to give \$1,000 and Jenny Ross said the Beautification Committee could match. Chris will reach out to a local business for contribution and recognition on the STAR. Chris also reported that MAC is actively looking for buildings in town to have small murals. Marigolds and monarchs may be incorporated in some way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Lynne Monroe announced the resignations of Mary Rohan and Kara Lambert from the Committee. There are currently two openings posted on the Village website.
- b. Lynne led the discussion of a potential new meeting day and time. The group agreed to the third Wednesday at 5:30 PM would work for everyone. This will start in March.

PROJECTS

Spring Into Summer Event

Jenny shared the progress of secured vendors to date, reporting at least 14 participants and their activities that are planned. Jenny distributed sign-up sheets for committee participation at the event and also volunteers to reach out to community sponsors for donations.

Catherine brought a wooden planter made by the Tool Library that can be filled and used in a raffle. She will also use this for plant demonstrations. The Tool Library plans to make 10 more for the event. Jenny reported that the Tool Library also plans to make bird feeders and butterfly boxes for the June 1st event.

Lynne and Jenny will work with Village staff on the layout of the event.

Lynne shared a butterfly activity that has been purchased as a give-away and will also provide an on-site activity with children in attendance.

Lynne will have the administrative staff create a raffle ticket for raffling our donations and use it as a great way to get volunteer names. Peg Tierney inquired if the raffle has a cost, and Lynne explained the raffle is free but is a good opportunity to get interest in the Beautification Committee.

Lynne will work with Dawn Jenich on signage for the event.

A-May-Zing Mundelein

The sign-up sheet was distributed by Jenny Ross. This May 4th event is a great opportunity to spread the work about the Beautification Committee. Lynne stated that we can provide a give-away bag of seeds and gloves, for example to give to the residents who participate.

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Jenny asked for the interested parties to take additional responsibility for the pledge. Members reviewed a list of pledge items. Assignments were made as follows:

- o Lynne will handle the proclamation due March 31, 2024.
- o Lynne will work with Dawn Jenich on the communication efforts. Committee members agreed on a newsletter for the Beautification Committee is a great idea, whether monthly or quarterly. This will meet a pledge initiative. The newsletter will include SWALCO announcements. The members must commit to the content. This will become an active agenda item as recommended by Chris Woodard.
- o The pledge items require engagement with the community groups which are satisfied by the June 1st event.
- o The Historical Commission has a new landscape plan and Lynne will work with the Historical Commission on this initiative and how it meets the Monarch pledge initiatives.
- o Chris Woodard will commit to a table at the Farmers Market for milkweed seed collection in the Fall. Peg Tierney will work with the Master Gardeners for help. Chris has butterfly stickers as well for the Farmers Market table and Jenny will get two dates from Becca, the Farmers Market Manager.
- o The art project initiative will be met with the STAR collaboration with MAC.
- o The city festival initiative is met by the June 1st event.
- o Chris suggested we register as a wildlife friendly city. Lynne will research this.
- o Arlene Doran will continue to maintain our pollinator garden at the Village Hall.

Beautification Committee Presence at Village Events

a. Farmers Market - Butterfly Day-June 29; Seed Exchange-September 28. Ongoing support for children's craft and activity table throughout the summer

b. Mundelein Days

- c. Parade**
- d. Bike Race**

- o Farmers Market – Jenny will get dates for the two times the Beautification Committee will attend.
- o Mundelein Days – the Beautification Committee may be able to have a booth.
- o Parade – Chris will inquire how the Beautification Committee can participate, perhaps with MAC.
- o Bike Race – will be held July 22, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Budget Items – Lynne reported many items have been and will be ordered for giveaways and future events, including tablecloths and shirts. STAR funds of \$1,000 can be paid in the next or current budget year.
- b. Seed Packet Stickers – were distributed for members to help affix stickers to the seed packets. These will be used for various summer events.

NEW BUSINESS

A basic America in Bloom membership was purchased for \$99 to allow us to participate in the local chapter. Review of the America in Bloom report will help us continue to meet recommended objectives.

Village Beautification and Environmental Newsletter

Nothing to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jenny asked members to consider membership in the National Audubon Society and this can be discussed next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Beautification Committee Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Beautification Committee Member Kim Nunez
SECONDER:	Beautification Committee Member Colleen Tancredi
AYES:	Catherine Almanzo, Jenny Berman Ross, Kim Nunez, Colleen Tancredi, Margaret (Peg) Tierney

NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Jenny Ross, Chairman

NEXT MEETING - April 17, 2024