

Palmer Arboretum ~ Minutes
Regular Meeting ~ July 12, 2018

1. **Call to order** ~ Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Attendance** ~ Bill Brower, Andy Krofina, Jean Rocheleau, Chad Hart, Danielle Payne, Nancy Adams, Judith Gries, Absent Marilyn Pomeroy , Absent Excused: Philippa Paquette
3. **Approval of March Minutes** ~ Bill Brower, Andy Krofina, Jean Rocheleau
4. **Treasurer's Report** ~ \$7,100
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Hydrangeas Town Hall ~ Pending
 - b. Weeding ~ Great strides made in Rain Garden, Daylillies, Shade Garden, Pruning and limb trimming & removal. Thank you to all who worked diligently on this.
 - c. Nancy Adams ~ Official member of Committee - Welcome Nancy and Thank You for your commitment and love of the Arboretum. Please extend our Thanks to your husband as well for the many hours he spends helping out.
 - d. Rotary Trees ~ Bill calling Richard @ The Inn for update. Suggestion: Willow, Red Twig Dogwoods
 - i. Planting ~ To be decided upon
 - ii. Watering ~ Suggestion to get Gator Brand Watering system
 - e. Remembrances: ~ Replace Marylou trees - possible Cinnamon Bark Maple, Coral Bark or StyraX.
 - f. "Information" signs for box. Jean - Await dimensions and will order from NE Awards. Jean to purchase Guest Book for box.
 - g. Arboretum Tee Shirts ~ Danielle to design Tee and incorporate the tagline of: **A place for education, enjoyment and enlightenment.**
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Direction of the Arboretum ~ Committee discussed the pending projects for the Arboretum, and it was decided that ongoing that the focus be on one project at a time, rather than being overwhelmed with numerous projects. The Committee has agreed that the priority project for now is the "swamp" area. Work will be done by members to rid the growth in the area by using coverings of paper and utilizing the fallen leaves at end of season to cover area. Jean to donate Brown paper roll, members to save newspaper.
 - b. Care of Trees ~ Chad is ok with reaching out to Jeff Page to see if he would like to oversee the needs of the Arboretum. Perhaps Chad could meet with Jeff to discuss the needs.
 - c. Discussion of Differences ~ General discussion of what priorities are for members of the Committee and how to move forward.
 - d. Eagle Scout Project ~ Scott is working on fundraising for materials for his project. Bill and Andy met with him to provide direction to accomplish this
 - e. Jeff Page ~ Approval to send Jeff Page a \$100 Gift Card to Grill 37 for the Gypsy Moth spraying of the Purple Beech, and spraying for Ticks in the Arboretum at no cost to us.
 - f. Other Matters ~ Andy will bring Sweet Woodruff from her gardens to plant near daylilies, Nancy to purchase additional Hosta from Select Seeds or Stickney Hill Gardens in Union.
7. **Adjourn** ~ 7:38 p.m.
Next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Please make a note on your calendar.