

PALMER ARBORETUM MINUTES

August 14, 2018

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Attendance: Bill Brower, Andy Krofina, Jean Rocheleau, Chad Hart, Judith Gries, Philippa Paquette, Nancy Adams. Absent, Marilyn Pomeroy, Danielle Payne.
3. Approval of July Minutes: Motion, Bill Brower/Judith Gries, all in favor, Philippa abstained.
4. Treasurer's Report: There is \$1,000 to spend on trees and bushes for the Wetland Area. Scott still needs to raise \$95 for his Eagle Scout Project. Mitch charges \$50/mow and trim which is very reasonable.
5. Old Business:
 - a) The hydrangeas at the Town Hall are alive still and need some fertilizer.
 - b) The Arboretum desperately needs weeding but the rain has interfered. Margaret will do some when the ground has dried out enough to get to the beds.
 - c) A Coral Bark Maple tree that was planted in remembrance was smashed and should be replaced by a similar tree.

Bill suggested that trees should also be planted in recognition of committee members who have served for many years and now retired.
 - d) Jean will contact the sign maker tomorrow for the Information sign for the outside of the box and the signs for the various pamphlets inside the box. The Information sign should go on the uphill side of the box.
 - e) Judith found a good summary of the purposes of an Arboretum and it should guide the committee's decisions.
 - f) The Rotary Club is still planning on donating some trees to the Arboretum. Chad says the best place to purchase trees to water these trees is Sheryltree.com. These could be used repeatedly to water any new trees that are planted.
 - g) Scott's Eagle Scout Project should be finished next week.
 - h) Dave Shroeder made a list of trees and bushes that would grow well in the Wetland Area. Bill would also like to see a weeping willow in that area. The committee agreed that 7-10 items should be chosen from the list. Several possible sources were mentioned; Canterbury Horticulture, Variegated Nurseries (Andy will take the list there, they have a good sale on) Central Nurseries on Route 201, Mackey's (they have a good sale at the end of the year and take good care of their plants) . Chad will give the list to Danielle to enquire which nurseries might have the items and Nancy is willing to drive out of town to collect them. Chad noted that trees that are dug out of the ground in the fall do not do well when they are transplanted and the trees and bushes should have been potted in the spring for successful fall planting. Bill noted that Hull Lumber generously donates mulch each year and this was not requested this year because of time constraints but should be requested for the Wetland area to put on top of the newspapers and brown paper. This would be a good student project.

6. New Business

- a) Arboretum Positions:

Chairperson and Treasurer to be determined
Recording Secretary, Philippa Paquette
Corresponding Secretary, Jean Rocheleau
Volunteer Coordinator, Andy Krofina and Nancy Adams

Tree and Shrub Care, Chad Hart

Publicity, Linda Kaplan

Bill and Andy will present a video to the Garden Club on a year in the Arboretum and then ask for volunteers.

b) The Town Hall staff would like to plant a tree in the Arboretum in memory of Mike Albert's mother.

c) The committee decided not to offer a guided walk for Walktober but would run an ad. in the Shoppers' Guide announcing that the Arboretum is open and the self-guided tour is available in the Information box. Jean will post the ad. and Chad and Andy will put up the Open signs and Bill will fill the brochures in the Information Box.

7. Move to adjourn; 8:04

Next Meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Philippa Paquette.