

Beautification Committee Meeting

Village of Olympia Fields

March 14, 2022

5:30 p.m. Village Hall (via zoom)

Agenda: The meeting was called order at 5:37 p.m.

- **Roll Call – A. Burke, S. Finley, S. Gowen, E. Owens, E. Davis, T. Acquah**
- **Minutes** – The November minutes were approved as provided. (Moved by Susan G. and seconded by Belinda L.)
- **Village/Budget Update** – Sandra Finley
 - **Public Works** will be letting an RFP for the installation of **SCADA** to help automate the water systems. Our new village administrator is Milton Payton. We have been awarded the Tree City Recognition again for 2021.
- **Public Works Update** – Terence Acquah
 - The current arborist, Daryl has retired. Two new hires have expressed interest in attending class to become certified. It is a 10-week course. Public Work projects are under consideration now for the next budget year. They are working with Baxter and Woodman to identify which streets are in the greatest need of repair. The branch pickup program begins April 5th. The process as changed regarding dates for pickup. The village will be divided in half with one side having pickup on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and the other side on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. More information will be in the village newsletter. Landscape and holiday signs will be replaced this budget year. Information is needed regarding the vendor that was initially used. SCADA (System Control Automatic Data Acquisition) is being installed to monitor water at 11 pumping locations.

Unfinished Business

- Green Committee updates – Susan G.
 - The Southland Green Committee is sponsoring a cleanup on April 2nd. Park Forest’s cleanup day is April 2nd which will also include an electronic recycling event. The shredding event in Park Forest will be at village hall on April 30th. There will be a food systems expo on April 16th from 1-4:00 with 7 participating farmers “a farmers’ market with conversation” located at 349 Main Street, Park Forest. The O.F. P.D. shredding event will take place at the Barn on May 7th. Informational flyers will be provided to Monique Smith for distribution and posting on the village website.
- Tree Ordinance (Section 106 updated) – S. Finley/Burke
 - Terence and Sandra are going to check on the status of this approval.
- Grant request status – Burke
 - No new grant requests have been made.

New Business

- Spring Clean Up – April 9th or 16th

- The O.F. cleanup will be held Saturday, April 30th. Edward D. and Susan G. are the co-captains for our event. Volunteers will meet at the post office at 9:30 for supplies. Arlene B. will send a letter to the HOA presidents regarding this event. We will celebrate Earth Week the whole month of April. Individual subdivisions can schedule cleanup events anytime during the month and coordinate with Public Works for supplies and equipment if needed. Edward and Susan will identify, based on need and the number of volunteers, which areas of the village will be addressed on April 30th.
- Arbor Day celebration April 29th
 - A. Burke will send out a letter to HOA presidents to invite them to participate in the selection for the location of the tree planting.
- 50/50 program –
 - Susan M. and Belinda L. are updating the program and will report at the May meeting.
- Vollmer Road – A. Burke
 - An email and phone call follow up was made to Commissioner Deborah Sims regarding cleanup of Vollmer Road between Kedzie and Western Ave. The office responded that a crew would be out to clean up the week of March 21st.

Next Meeting

- April 11th

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.