

Olympia Fields Beautification Committee  
Board Meeting May 8, 2023

Those attending: Sandra Finley, Village Board Liaison; Terry Lusby, Director Public Works; Jessica Washington, Village Administrative Asst.; Arlene Burke, Chair; Susan Gatlin-Moroney, Asst. Chair; Belinda Lowry. Absent: Susan Gowen, Ed Davis Guest: Barbara Chambers, Hawthorne Hills Subdivision

Minutes: Minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting were approved.

Village Budget Update: Sandra F.: The \$3000 amount for HO Grants was approved at the Board Meeting and there is \$1500 for the 50/50 Tree Program. A brief discussion ensued re: payment to providers. It was pointed out that on the Village Clean Up day, some of the young volunteers from what they deemed as "inappropriate items" when they were collecting trash. These articles were mainly around the post office area and she wanted our committee to work with the Village Police in patrolling that area behind the post office more diligently. Arlene B will pursue this.

Public Works Update: Terry L.: Clean-Up date, a joint effort between Olympia Fields, Flossmoor and the Highway Department took place on 5/3 and was successful. Another Clean Up along Vollmer between Kedzie and Western will be conducted on 8/9 prior to the golf open. All agreed that the clean up looked great. One exception was cited, which was due to the brush mower machine, and it was the damage to branches which looked unprofessional. This will be addressed during the next "clean up".

The "tree limb" pick up was discussed. There was a conversation about going back to just storm damage and minor limb pick up due to abuse of the program. Concerns were raised about going backwards vs setting better perimeters for the program and possible notification process for residents not in compliance with new regulations. This will be discussed with Terry L., Belinda L., Susan GM and approved by the committee. Jessica W. is working on articles for Tree Limb pick up but will hold off on outlining the "old" approach until a new one is in place.

Road Rally: Jessica W handed out two flyers for the Mid-Century Modern Home Tour and again asked for volunteers. There was information on how to sign up for the tour on the flyer.

Green Committee: Susan G. In her stead, Arlene requested the use of Public Works meeting room for the next meeting on 5/22 @ 3:00. This was approved by Terry L.

BC HO Grant for Vienna Woods was approved for the full \$3000.

New Members: Arlene B. indicated that we need new members for the committee. Belinda L. suggested we contact prior winners to see if we could cull some new members from that group. Arlene will contact the prior winners.

The BC guest, Ms. Chambers, was given an opportunity to introduce herself and discuss her concerns. She was given an overview of the purpose and programs of the Beautification Committee as well as resources to help in her goals to become a more active resident on her Board and that of the Village. An active duty military personnel, until recently, she now has more time to devote to community participation.

Landscape Awards: The 2023 Landscape award dates are as follows: Letter to go out June 12 to HO's; nominations are due in by June 30<sup>th</sup>, signs will go out July 5<sup>th</sup> and viewing will take place at 3:00 on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45. Next meeting will be on June 12 at 5:30 at Public Works building.