

# Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

## Village of Olympia Fields

AUGUST 16, 2021

6:00 p.m. Village Hall

**Members present:** Arlene Burke, Susan Moroney, Belinda Lowry, Sandra Finley (Trustee Liaison) Terence Aquah (Public Works)

- **Minutes** – The June minutes were approved as provided and will be sent to Gladys Foster for posting.
- **Village Update** – Sandra Finley has met with Jim Landini regarding the importance communication of goals and what Public Works is doing to the village residents. The branches left from the Graymoor pipe project have been removed.

### Unfinished Business

- **BC HOA grant updates** – The Greens, Graymoor, The Lakes of Olympia, Wysteria, Arcadia, Vienna Woods, Olympia Fields East and Maynegaite have all applied for the grant money. The Greens, Graymoor, The Lakes of Olympia, Wysteria, Maynegaite and Arcadia have all been approved. Vienna Woods has communicated with the committee and will be submitting shortly. O.F. East wants to coordinate their grant application with the 50/50 tree program. They also would like the village to provide gators and watering for new tree plantings. Susan M. will follow up with Terence regarding the feasibility of this request.
- **Landscape Awards update** – The check for Saunoris Brothers Nursery (\$225) will be approved at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting after which the certificates will be purchased and distributed to the winners. Mr. Linkous has declined the 3<sup>rd</sup> place award of a \$50 gift certificate and would like the BC to use as needed elsewhere. The committee has decided to give the certificate to George Chandler, the Vienna Woods HOA president to use for beautification within their neighborhood.
- **Green Committee updates** – The next meeting will be held at the Bradford Barn in Olympia Fields at 3:30 on August 30th. Jesus Vargas, Executive Director of the P.D. will also be joining the committee.
- **Home Improvement nominations** – Letters were sent to the following residents: 768 Brookwood, 2552 Oakwood & Damien family.

### New Business

- **Morton Arboretum tree donation** – Lydia Scott, Director of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative has offered a free tree to Olympia Fields (swamp white, white and burr oak, muscledwood and iron wood are available). It would be our responsibility to pick up and plant. Terence will check on the feasibility of this. Belinda will help with location selection. The front of village hall was suggested.
- **Old Village Hall landscape improvements** – The street island to the north of the building, as well as, the front (brick wall near parking areas) need to be improved. Conservations will be held with DJ. Terence indicated they will bid out the project once we have a suggested design.
- **50/50 tree program** – There will be a selection of 6 trees. Susan M. will send an email to Terence with the 50/50 selections from 2020 which will be shared with Daryl, the village arborist for his input.

**Next Meeting:** September 13th