

Keep Plainville Beautiful Committee
Minutes of October 2, 2023

2023 NOV -7 PM 1:03

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Lou

Committee Members Present: Lindsay Ferreira, Terri Murphy, Lou Leblanc, Ashley Eisele, Tom McHugh

Town Members Present: 0

- Terri made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Lou, all in favor.
- No new mail received
- No financial change to report
- Tom tried to donate to KPB using funds provided by his employer via Benevity but was unsuccessful due to the way we are set up in that system.
- Grant/Town Park Project:
 - Sponsor wants to hold volunteer night. We are interested, hold it at the Chieftain once the project is complete.
 - Lindsay to reach out to Landscaper who previously cleaned up some beds at the park (Riecke Dellek). We can offer a sign to the sponsors. If Riecke is not interested, we can reach out to Mark H. of Dreamscape.
 - Lou may be able to use chainsaw as he is a town employee and would be covered under liability law but he will confirm with Brian N.
 - Lindsay to contact Assessor's Office to obtain plot plan. We need to verify the property line and that the site it is beyond 100 yards from water. Also, who owns the fence?
 - We will need to speak to the neighbor on the other side of the fence to adv of our plans. Assessor can adv who lives there and can provide their info. We could write a letter or call, etc.
 - Ashley to talk to John about our plans and to see if he speaks to the neighbors.
 - We can post something on social media asking for volunteers
 - Timing – target the next month.
 - Budget – We will use the \$2500 grant to purchase the plants and up to \$1,000 of our money for the rest if necessary. If we need more than that, we can discuss it at the time.
 - Plans –
 - 30-yard-long area along the fence from the corner near the soccer fields where the light post is towards South St. This is an area on the right-hand side of the park along the fence when you enter the park which ends approximately at the gazebo.
 - Remove Trees
 - Use machinery to remove stumps etc.
 - Tom to contact Dig Safe to ensure there are no utilities. If there are, they will mark them.
 - Will need permission from Art's boss to bring waste to Recycling Center.

- Mulch and/or wood chips (wood chips can be free depending on where you get them). Could use cardboard boxes under. They are free at the Recycling Center. They prevent weeds and make mulch last longer.
 - Plant Pollinators
- Registration Programs – Tom to reach out to Neil again. Neil adv students were going to use website templates and that KPB was going to serve as a test but he never heard back.
- We will put Litter Busters on hold for now. Once we are more established, we can tackle that.
- Tom did add the sponsors to our website, but we cannot see them. He will look into this.
- Fall Clean-Up (11/4):
 - Registration emails went out and 39 new emails were added from the spring. A total of 121 emails were sent. 10 people signed up so far and one person volunteered to man the table from 9-11. Lindsay will man the table from 11-1 and Ashley will man the table from 1-3. That covers all of the shifts. Terri will set up.
 - We do need more gloves. Terri to reach out to Glove Cleaners on High Street to ask about a possible donation or cost.
- Pet Waste Stations:
 - Should the BOH or Water Dept supply these? Lou adv the BOH would issue fines but not buy units. It is easier for the Water Dept to empty these than clean pipes after.
 - If we expand to putting them in more locations, we will need assistance with emptying them.
 - Tom will empty the one on Morningside.
 - Lou to talk to Brian N. re: whether KPB should be purchasing these or if they should be purchased by another town dept.
- Spring Clean-Up:
 - We will do it for a month again
 - Tom to review the letter Terri sent him
 - Will post on social media for Giving Tuesday (11/28)
 - We can start to send things out in Nov/Dec and f/u in Jan but 1/1 is the hard start.
 - We can send blast and f/u w/ individual emails after as that seemed to work
- Park Clean-Up before Tree Lighting?
 - When is the lighting? Need to ask Chris F.
 - Could Riecke assist by blowing leaves w/ his equipment?
 - We could sponsor the lights by purchasing some and submitting receipts for reimbursement. We would need receipts and the cc statement. Terri doesn't believe we can make donations as we need an invoice.
- Next meeting will take place Monday 11/6/23 from 7:00-8:00 PM
- Ashley made a motion to adjourn at 8:32. The motion was seconded by Tom, all in favor.

11/6/23 Approved
 Lindsay Ferreira
 General Business