

January 11, 2023 Beautification Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022 minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report available.

Annual election of officers took place. Current officers will remain in place. Lillian Claycomb will remain as Chairperson. Diana Lince will remain as Treasurer. John Lange will remain as Secretary.

John Caron: John also said there are no updates regarding the cell tower at Blossom Heath.

John said he would look into adding Christmas decorations on north side of library in 2023.

John also reported he has confirmed dates for Beautification Commission meetings for 2023.

New Business: Lawrence Sobson from DNR attended the meeting. Lawrence introduced himself and described his duties. He said he provides assistance with urban trees, focusing on uniformity. He also said he will assist with the arboretum and advised the group that the city received an additional \$5,000.00 in grant money for enhancements to the arboretum. Lawrence also said he educates people about proper species selection and planting techniques.

Denise Pecherski and Eileen Miskewicz are still working on the Beautification Commission brochure.

Lillian Claycomb reported that while there were some issues with wreaths this year there were not as many issues as in the past.

Aquafreeze will take place on 1/14/23 and 1/15/23. After that, all the lights will be removed at Blossom Heath Park.

Diana Lince said there were several lighting issues around the circular drive at City Hall. She suggested purchasing LED lights now at reduced prices to use next year.

Diana also asked if people would maintain the same beds this year as they did last year. This will be confirmed at the next meeting. Diana said there are still some beds that need a sponsor.

Next meeting is scheduled for 2/8/23.