

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, January 12th, 2017.
Held at Happy Joe's Grille

Present: Rodd Schick, Adam Holland, Sue Ratkiewicz, Kristen Bergren and Susan Wolf

Also attended: Mary Lind, Laura Chumbley, Greg Johnson

Absent: Diane Slover, Lori Turner

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 8th, 2016 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *Keep America Beautiful Annual Conference:* Greg Johnson will attend and represent KMB at the annual Keep America Beautiful conference in Washington, D.C., on January 24th-26th, 2017.
- *LED Lighting Project:* Rodd reported that 90% of the LED retrofitting and replacement lighting project is complete at the Moline Public Library, and work in the conference rooms and offices at the Public Works building is complete. City Hall work will begin next.
- *Garden Guardians:* Mary discussed the idea of having the City attorney tighten up the language for the Garden Guardian contracts; Rodd and Greg will look at the contract and application wording too. Mary will email all Garden Guardian volunteers to introduce Greg to the group, and to send the updated application. Mary also discussed the idea of hosting a spring kick-off event to motivate Garden Guardians volunteers; Mary will contact the Illinois Extension to see if they know of a speaker who could lecture on rain gardens or native plant gardening. Rodd suggested that a lecture on an evening or weekend would be most convenient for most people. He would like to have a commitment from a majority of the Garden Guardians about attending, and then we could also advertise to and invite the public. Mary will send information to Adam and Adam volunteered to prepare a survey on Doodle survey software to poll Garden Guardians interest and availability.
- *Xstream Cleanup:* Kristen reported that the group is revamping its website and being proactive in contacting schools and past site coordinators.
- *Adopt-A-Park:* Rodd informed the commission that the Adopt-A-Park program is also reexamining their application to tighten the mandatory maintenance language.

New Business

- Rodd asks that commission members think about the goals of the commission so that next month we can brainstorm and create a game plan for the upcoming year.
- Mary inquired if the city forester had gotten a list together of city trees, particularly trees like the ash.
- Adam informed the commission of good progress by Moline Centre to secure sponsorship for the summer concert series.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, February 9th, 2017 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission