

Palmer Arboretum Minutes
July 11, 2019

Attendance: Rocheleau, Krofina, Brower, Paquette, Adams, Hart
Minutes of June 13 meeting: Motion to approve (Rocheleau/Brower) All in favor

Treasurer's report: Regular Account balance: \$1380.40. Friends Account Balance \$7,029
Anticipated Expenditure: Mitch for mowing: \$220
Ben Young for repair of patio and stone path \$1,200. \$300 deposit for new long bridge. The additional expenditure will be covered from the Friends Account which contains the \$3,500 donation from the Rotary Club for the long bridge.
Students weeding have been paid \$90 for 6 hours. There are 3 students weeding who can each work two hours/week through July. The new budget is \$5,000 for 2019-2020.

New Business:

1. Bill will retouch the old sign which should be mounted on Arboretum property. Philippa and Bill will approach the Historical Society, until then the old sign will be hung with the Historical Society sign when they have it ready.
2. Chad will remove the broken spar from the tree on the bank. Total removal without damaging the pond and seat would be very difficult. Philippa will contact the Beckwith's about dropping the other dead tree onto their property.
3. Ben has already removed the old bridge and will be installing the new one.
4. 23 Volunteer hours in June.

- Future plans: 1. Plant three new trees in the swamp area: Bald Cypress, Red (Swamp) and a Willow. Chad will try to find them.
2. Add bird houses. Andy will obtain them from the Garden Club. Owl house, Wren house and Bluebird house. Chad will help to mount them on cedar posts. Owl house can go on top of damaged tree above pond. Maybe add a bat house.
 3. Move extra ginger and foam flowers from shade garden to area behind bench on patio. Jean will get a couple of hula hoes to clear this area of weed cover.
 4. Mitchell has been asked by Bill to mow about ten feet off the pachysandra bed by the entrance.
 5. The Woodstock Academy will be asked if any science, math and graphic design classes are interested in developing a map of the plantings in the Arboretum.

Master Gardener Grant application. Nancy will write the application which is due by July 26. She will apply for funds to purchase metal identification signs for all the plants in the Arboretum. Jean has information about the signs. Master Gardener Interns can properly place the signs.
Motion to adjourn: 7:15 pm (Adams/ Krofina) All in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Philippa Paquette

Next meeting August 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm.