

Keep Lakewood Beautiful

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

In Attendance: Megan Ahlman, Matt Bixenstine, Hannah Gall; Ruth Gillett, Agnes Stevenson, Tish Marshall, Melissa Meehan, Shellie Sedlak, Agnes Stevenson, Joe Stolitza, and Nancy Feighan

Chaired by Melissa Meehan

Welcome & Comments

- Meeting started at 5:35 PM
- Michelle Nochta from City Planning met with Melissa and Ruth prior to today's meeting to share info KLB and AAS program, to improve city/garden plans and coordination. City planning Clifton/117th Gateway gardens.
- March minutes were distributed for review and approved by Agnes and seconded by Hannah.
- New Board Member Vote – Shellie's application reviewed and unanimously voted in as new board member.
- KLB provided supplies for Garfield 8th grade class litter pick-up.

Earth Day Wrap-up – 82 volunteers collected eight large bags of trash. Expenses for event: Litter Tongs-\$530.40, 60 Trees - \$150.60, Potting supplies/stake frames – \$65.83 Total - \$746.83. (~15 trees left over). Joe will see if city (John Hribar) can purchase litter tongs.

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children of Northeast Ohio (ACBC) set up info at event. Rust Belt Riders had to cancel last minute. Tree planted on Clarence Ave, unfortunately miscommunication with time; so, tree planting teaching opportunity was missed. Arborist would like to schedule another event with us – possibly a Pop Up event in the Fall. Westlife attended and interviewed board/volunteers for story.

Humus & Flower Sale Wrap-up

Great group participation with many KLB volunteers assisting. Wonderful event—humus and perennials sold out.

Thank you to everyone who helped.

Joe S. distributed P&L Statement – 2023 Profit - \$4,128 (\$3400 on humus and \$3400 on flowers + expenses)

AAS Update

AAS volunteers are picking up plants from Lakewood Garden Center. Ruth to include Megan on AAS emails to introduce program. Adopt-A-Spot: approx. 2-3 spots available. Suggestions for volunteers thru Facebook reachout or Hannah G. suggested "Adopt Me" signs on space. Ruth assessing volunteers and needs. KLB (Melissa to plant) will plant Clifton/117th AAS as city will not start new Welcome Project until Fall.

Group will meet for new design for Warren Rd. flower boxes and coordinate plantings. Lakewood Alive again to assist with \$600 flower purchase.

Pop-Up, Pick-Up, Pour-Up – May 31, 6:30-8:30 PM

Tony and Agnes are co-chairs this month event at Location: Fieldhouse Studio W. 117 on Hird Ave.

Melissa will send email to KLB volunteers, Matt B. will make flyer and post to social accounts

Pollinator Garden/Lakeside Hillside Update

Does not seem feasible to pursue plans for project with Envirosience as City pursuing Lakewood Park/Lake Erie Feasibility Study. Project put on hold for now.

Public meeting – June 27th at Lakewood Women's Pavilion (3-7 PM open house).

Home Award Program

Hannah will resume overseeing the program. Nominations will go out June and close August 1

Nancy will schedule City Council meeting for Home Award presentation meeting in October.

Matt will begin advertising.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Next Meeting: **June 21st @ 5:30 PM at Cove Community Center**