

MINUTES OF MEETING
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD
November 6, 2008

Present for the meeting:

Judy Smith, Dorris Hoffman, Carolyn Brown, Steve Burrow, Jimmie VanValkenburgh, Rodney Powell, Jean Moreland, Evelyn Sanders, Mark Acreman

Guest: Larry Prevatte

Judy Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the October 2, 2008 meeting were approved as written by a motion from Jean Moreland, seconded by Steve Burrow. Motion carried.

Judy turned the meeting over to Mr. Prevatte, a resident of Gulf Shores. Mr. Prevatte told the Board that he moved here from Birmingham and was very involved with the Adopt-a-mile program in that area. He would like to see the Board become involved with the program. He gave us information about the program and it was decided that he would work with Jimmie VanValkenburgh, beginning in the spring, to get the program set up in the city of Gulf Shores. There are several people in the area already working with the program, Jim and Nellie Tiller and Herb and Bessie Malone. Judy asked Rodney to do an article for the paper, explaining the program and asking for volunteers. Maybe we could get a picture of those already involved to go with the article. Mark Acreman said that he has already had a sign designed especially for Gulf Shores and the city could supply them.

Jimmie VanValkenburgh reviewed the Arbor Day assignments and outlined the poster program for the school(s) involved. Judy Smith advised that the Proclamation would be presented to the Board at the January 26, 2009 City Council meeting. She asked all to be there for the presentation and a picture.

Judy Smith thanked Rodney Powell for all his work on the website. She suggested we all look it over and give feedback to Rodney.

Special Programs for the upcoming year will be Adopt-a-mile and identifying treasured trees or Indian marker trees. These items will be addressed in the spring.

Judy Smith asked Evelyn Sanders to report on the progress made with the airport regarding landscaping and the sign. Judy and Evelyn will be attending the next airport meeting and report at the December meeting.

Mark Acreman told the Board that landscape work was continuing on the sportsplex, Mo's Landing and the new buildings and should be finished with all soon. They are busy now with putting up the Christmas decorations.

Judy Smith asked the Board if they thought we should invite the new mayor to the December meeting. All were in favor.

Rodney Powell asked Mark Acreman if we could get some additional signs for Canal Street where people are continuing to dump trash etc. He suggested maybe in Spanish. Mark said he would check into it and let us know at the December meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Evelyn Sanders, seconded by Jean Moreland.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 4, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted by
Carolyn Brown, Secretary