

Minutes of Northville Beautification Commission Meeting - April 7, 2014

In attendance: Tomiko Aoki, Pat Baker, Doug Bingham, Koaki Beyersdorf, Jim Gallogy, Sally Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Bob Hayes, Julie Mantay, Lilliana Miyaha, Donna Moak, Diane Pittaway, and Janet Young

Julie welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and thanked them for their participation.

Bob will have back surgery on April 11.

Minutes - The October 2013 Minutes will be resent so that we can reread. We will vote on acceptance at our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - In our budget which ends at the end of June, we have incurred expenses of \$1,110 of our \$2,700. Additionally, we have a reserve. We are in the fifth year of our five-year plan. Sally said that we need to make certain that the mums were paid for; Julie will check on this. Any suggestions for using up the balance of our funds, should be sent to Diane. The budget meeting will be soon, but Jim doesn't think a BC member needs to be present.

After October, we had the VFW rededication. The mayor came and we had a write up in the paper. Update on the boulevard — Diane is waiting for the Snyders' input. She will touch base with them soon and update us at our next meeting.

The Lily Bed in front of City Hall did not get mulched last fall. Diane will assess and let us know what it needs.

Email - Thanks to Jan for the reminders.

Job assignments were listed in the October 2013 Minutes.

Deadheading - Pat will set up deadheading by zones. Jan suggested that some of our committee need to have smaller zones. We will map out and number the barrels so that none are missed and so that it is clearly defined who is responsible for which planters each week. Donna said that Kevin Dreyer would like to be included in the deadheading schedule.

Seedling Giveaway - Is scheduled later this year than prior years and is set for Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The set up at the Township will change. Doug will work with Bob on this.. At our next meeting, we will need volunteers for this event. Can we get information on the City website? Bob will go to Michelle Nabozny to get this publicized on the City's website. Last year we had quite a few leftover trees (100 or less.) Township does the publicity fliers and orders the seedlings for this joint effort.

Eight and Center - This area needs to be cleaned up, which will be scheduled.

Photographers - We need to have new photographers this year. Let Julie know if you know of anyone who would like to do this.

Well - Diane will need to set a date for clean up. The trees that were planted last year, appear to have made it. Diane would like to add some ground cover this year. We will plant this area the week after the barrel planting. Diane would like to see the culvert cleaned up again. Can Jim contact Wayne County and ask that they do this?

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The area in front of Foundry Flask needs attention to be cleaned up as there is a lot of paper and junk lining the fence of the property. Perhaps we should get the code enforcement officer involved. Doug will make contact to try to get the culvert cleaned up and the Flask area cleaned up.

Plantings will be scheduled in our May meeting. The barrels will be the last Thursday, May 29. However, Julie suggested we do the 10 clusters of planters on Thursday, May 22, at 8:00 or 9:00 to give the City a nice appearance for the Memorial Day parade.

DDA will go with lavenders this year. So we will do hot pink geraniums and lavender petunias to coordinate with them.

The Township would love to have help the first week of June to plant Township Hall. Diane Jefferson retired. Julie will advise the date.

The Beautification Commission of S.E. Michigan - Julie missed the last meeting, she went on the wrong day. But feels that the information they offer is valuable. Recently they talked about what to use instead of impatiens, which continue to have the dusty mold issue.

Doug said that CVS has a couple of heavy boxes that someone has dumped there. They were too heavy for Doug to move. Jim will send a loader in to get this area picked up.

Doug wondered how someone could help out but not be actually on our committee. Julie advised that Nachi would coordinate this as part of her guest group. Give information to Nachi and she will contact.

The Art House wants to come up to speed to get a Beautification Award. Doug (or maybe Doug and Julie) will talk to them.

Construction update from Jim - North Wing from Main to Randolph and North Center, north of Eight Mile will be done this summer. Seven Mile will be done by Wayne County from Northville Road to the Fish Hatchery. Also Hutton Street will be under construction.

Nachi's Corner - Diane and Nachi will coordinate this area. Nachi doesn't live right by this corner anymore and therefore doesn't look at it as often. We need to get more people involved in taking care of this area. Perhaps some of Lori's seasonal people could also help.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 5, at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Moak