

BEAUTIFICATION MEETING of May 5, 2014

In attendance: Tomiko Aoki, Pat Baker, Koaki Beyersdorf, Jim Gallogly, Sally Hayes, Julie Mantay, Jacque Martin-Downs, Doug Bingham, Donna Moak, Liliana Miyahara, Koaki Beyersdorf, Janet Young

April minutes approved as well as October 2013 minutes approved.

TREASURER'S: Sally reported that \$1,200 was spent for this 2013-14 fiscal year, with the year ending on June 30, 2014. There was \$2,700 in the total budget. Jim confirmed that the city council approved the budget. Doug proposed that we spend more of our money, assuring the council that we need the money that is approved for the commission. We foresee expenditures on fertilizer, seed giveaway and plants before June. Should you have any bills, turn them in to Sally.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob Hayes will oversee the seedling giveaway on May 10th from 9-11:00am. Volunteers to arrive at 8:30. Good promotion has taken place. Sue Hildebrand at the township will train her new maintenance employee in how this program runs. Julie reported that the Township shredding event is very popular. Jim G. will send Julie details on the shredding event that the city was part of.

This year's giveaway will be evaluated to see if we want to do it every other year from here forth. All extra seedlings will be given to Diane and Jim for planting.

5/7/14: 8:00 am. Eight Mile and Center to cut down grasses. Janet and Julie could use help there. Jim's crew will pick up debris, mulch beds and spray brickscape for weeds.

5/15/14: Nachi's Corner. Julie will talk to Lori about dead hedges and tree trimming.

5/23/14: 9:00 am. Well plantings. Diane will oversee. She has already spent many hours pruning roses and digging up garlic mustard. All in all area looks great although red buds will not bloom this year due to harsh winter. Dogwood should bloom and be beautiful. Diane will pick up plants for beds. Jim will be checking into status of historical sign and alert Diane so she can be present for proper placement.

Email Janet if you can help. Diane will be caretaking the well.

5/27/14: Deadheading schedule postponed. Kate Knight will give the barrel placement to Julie. Nachi will confirm that containers have soil and that sprinklers are on before planting. Center St. planting will follow. Jim G. will provide vests and cones for our safety.

5/29/14 @ 9 am. Barrel planting. Clusters and clock will follow that morning.

5/30/14 Allen Terrace Planting: 9:00 am (postponed from 5/23 due to weather). Sherry will be contacted at Allen Terrace.

6/5/14: 8:30 am. City Hall and Fire Dept beds will be planted. Jim G. will turn beds. Donna and Bob will coordinate planting of geraniums. Donna will pick up mulch and Endless Summer Hydrangeas as an addition this year. We will also be adding mulch to day lily bed in front of city hall. Diane will coordinate and pick up mulch to day lily bed in front of city hall. Diane will coordinate and pick up mulch. Diane has already cleaned up bed and it looks beautiful. Please email Janet if you can volunteer to help out.

6/6/14 Help township plant Twp. Hall. Details to follow.

6/12/14: Hutton and Main planting, if DDA has beds ready with additional soil and weeding.

Fertilizer: Julie will pick up fertilizer from Christiansens.

Julie will send detailed schedule to Jim G. regarding plant pick up, bed prep, barrel prep and sprinklers. Don't know what we would do without his kind help.

Bob and Jacque will trim bushes by the Griswold sign but will hold off for a month upon deciding whether the boxwoods are dead Jim will pull them out if need be.

Diane will continue to work with Terry Snyder on the Northville Blvd. as he plants trees. Jim will have his crew pick up the debris along Northville Rd's east side.

NEW BUSINESS: Michelle Nabozny reported that the Foundry Flask company's owner, Doug Brinkman can be contacted to be alerted that there is debris and underbrush on his property on Northville Rd and Cady. Doug will call him and see about clean up of litter, trimming and possible plan towards improvement.

T-SHIRTS: Diane has ordered additional t-shirts. Contact her if you have a need.

GLOVES: Janet is ordering new gloves.

CARDS: Julie asked Sally to send cards out from the B/C when appropriate.

We are in need of a photographer this year. In the meantime, take pictures of your area on your cell phone and we will put all of them together for the luncheon in Sept.

Doug proposes that a team go around town and look to see what needs to be cleaned up, perked up. He will also ask Lori to join the team. He will let us know about a date.

Doug reported that he has seen uniquely painted utility boxes and wonders if we might try something. Jim will contact DTE and ask if they can paint and refresh boxes, perhaps in a color of our choice. Bring your color choices to next meeting

Meeting Dates:

June 2 WEAR YOUR SHIRTS for PHOTO
July 14 (changed)
August 4
Sept 7 (luncheon)
October 6

NEXT MEETING: June 2, 2014 @ 8:00. Wear shirts!

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Martin-Downs (Bingham)