

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification Commission was held at the Brownstown Recreation Center, 21311 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Chairperson Pfau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Members Pfau, Sheldon (7:08), Szymanski, Walters, Machcinski, DeLeon and Recreation Director Maxe

ABSENT: none

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by DeLeon, supported by Walters, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission Minutes of December 15, 2009 with the correction of the date. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Szymanski, supported by Machcinski, to approve the agenda of March 16, 2010. All voting aye.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Machcinski, supported by DeLeon, to nominate and approve Pfau for Chairperson. All voting aye.

Motion by DeLeon, supported by Machcinski, to nominate and approve Sheldon for Vice Chair. All voting aye.

Motion by Pfau, supported by Sheldon, to nominate and approve DeLeon for Secretary. All voting aye.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS – DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – CELL TOWER

The only comment by the Commissioners was that they hope it will be well maintained.

2009 HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The members were disappointed that this contest was never reported in the News Herald. All members would like to see the contest continue for the coming year and would like Maxe to check with DTE regarding a prize for the contest.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Machcinski gave a summary on the progress of the Historical Museum. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has secured a contractor and improvements have begun. The Open House held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 had a very poor response. The Society plans to have an Open House on the first Sunday of each month, except for April (Easter), so the next Open House will be on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Coffee, punch and cookies will be served.

The Historical Society will host a Rummage Sale on May 7 and 8, 2010, in the parking lot of the Historical Museum. They are seeking donations to profit the Museum.

Maxe gave an update on the Township Campus Redevelopment. The DDA approved Wade Trim to move forward in making the concept plan a reality plan.

2010 GARDEN PROJECT

Eight plots have already been sold for the garden this year. The contractor that donated the dirt will spread it as soon as the ground is dry enough. Members discussed the possibility of a Butterfly Garden. Pfau distributed brochures. Members will do some research regarding whether the Butterfly Garden would conflict with the vegetable garden before the next meeting. Other theme ideas were mentioned, such as a Pizza garden or Celebration of Life garden.

2010 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

Pfau encouraged members to keep their eyes open for businesses that might be good candidates for the Southeast Michigan Beautification Commission's Keep Michigan Beautiful award. The next meeting of the SEMBC is June 10th.

In lieu of the We Care banquet, the members discussed the possibility of recognizing a few businesses, with a limit of five or six.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by DeLeon, supported by Machcinski, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical Commission meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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