

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN  
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Tuesday, April 20, 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, April 20, 2010. Chairperson Pfau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Members Pfau, Sheldon, Walters, Machcinski, DeLeon and Recreation Director Maxe  
**EXCUSED:** Szymanski

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** Motion by Sheldon, supported by DeLeon, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission Minutes of March 16, 2010, with the notation that Sheldon was asked to bring information regarding Climate Control. All voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by Machcinski, supported by Walters, to approve the agenda of April 20, 2010. All voting aye.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

Machcinski stated that progress is being made on the Museum. 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. Dick Smith and Loretta are passing out flyers. Several other projects are on hold at the moment.

A greenhouse has been donated by Ruhlig Farms. Members discussed whether it should be accepted and installed at the Historical House site. No motion was made. However, since a greenhouse should be staffed and maintained, it was generally decided that this would not be a good time to install it at this time. Machcinski will contact Szymanski to see if he is interested.

**2010 GARDEN PROJECT**

Sixteen plots have already been sold for the garden this year. The dirt has been spread and everything should be ready for planting in late May. A beekeeper will be bringing a beehive and may also give a presentation at a later date.

A concern was raised about mowing being done between the individual plots. A Pantry Garden will be done again this year.

**2010 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS**

Butterfly Garden – prior to the next meeting a decision needs to be made about the location and who is interested in participating in this project. Machcinski will contact Szymanski about this as well as the greenhouse.

Sheldon gave a presentation about the Climate Projects. Changing temperatures are causing problems for different species of plant life. The objective is to raise public awareness. Publication would raise awareness and if the Commission hosted an event, there would be no charge for bringing in a speaker. Sheldon listed several groups of people who could make a difference if they were educated by an event such as this.

Motion by Machcinski, supported by DeLeon, to table this item until the next meeting.

Southeastern Michigan Beautification Commission has a meeting scheduled for May 1, 2010, in East Pointe.

Signs – All members were encouraged to make requests of businesses located near the signs at Gibraltar/Allen and Huron River Dr/W Jefferson to see if any might be interested in caring for those signs. Ashley Capital is doing a great job with the sign on Sibley. Machcinski suggested that Sheldon ask for this to be publicized in the News Herald, if possible.

Sheldon has not had any response from the Car Clubs she contacted about the Open House dates.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Dick Smith wanted to recognize Aco at West and Telegraph for donating Seeds for the Pantry Garden.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Pfau, supported by Sheldon, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical Commission meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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