

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 18, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by Walters, supported by Sheldon, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission Minutes of April 20, 2010. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Szymanski, supported by Sheldon, to approve the agenda of May 18, 2010. All voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Pfau summarized the report emailed to the commissioners by Machcinski. The yard sale made a profit of \$1,100. (Richard Smith stated that chairperson, Lorretta Kempfer, did a great job with the sale.) The Society wished to extend a public "Thank You" for all of the donations that were received. The Open House held on May 2 was also a success with 20-25 people in attendance. Some success may be attributed to the News Herald article on Friday, April 30.

2010 GARDEN PROJECT

Twenty-nine plots have been sold for the garden this year. The dirt was turned over yesterday and should be ready for planting as soon as the ground dries out. Richard Smith stated that milkweed plants will be interspersed with the sunflowers on the eastern side of the lot. The vegetable gardens will be on the western side of the lot.

Tim Jones will be planting the pumpkins this year. ACO Hardware at West/Telegraph has offered to donate supplies to further enhance this project.

The beekeeper will be bringing a beehive as soon as the queens are ready, around the end of the month. The hive will be placed near the Southeast corner of the lot.

A bat house and a raptor house may also be placed in the near future.

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

2010 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

None of the financial institutions contacted (PNC Bank on Allen, 5/3rd and the Community First Credit Union on Gibraltar Rd) are able to assist in the care of the Township sign at Allen and Gibraltar. Sheldon will do a press release asking for volunteers.

Annual Clean up weeks have ended. May is Keep Michigan Beautiful month. Sheldon suggested

PUBLIC FORUM:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Sheldon, supported by Walters, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical Commission meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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