

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 15, 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, June 15, 2010. Chairperson Pfau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by Sheldon, supported by Szymanski, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission Minutes of May 18, 2010. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Walters, supported by DeLeon, to approve the agenda of June 15, 2010. All voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

An Open House was held on June 6th with approximately a dozen people in attendance. Fine Finishing is almost completed with the renovation. The next Open House will be August 1st, due to the 4th of July Holiday.

The displays in the display case in the lobby of Township Hall are still being updated and maintained on a regular basis. Currently, the display has a Father's Day theme.

2010 GARDEN PROJECT

The total count for plots that have been sold for the garden this year is now at forty eight. It is possible that as many as thirty more could have been fit in. There are some issues with the soil having a high content of clay. ACO Hardware at West/Telegraph has donated 370 ft of hose and other supplies to further enhance this project.

The beekeeper is still waiting for the queens to be ready. The DPS laborers will be installing a 15 foot pole in the southeast corner for the bat house.

A sign post for informational items and picnic tables would be nice additions to this area.

In the Butterfly garden, the monarchs are gone, the small white butterflies are now populating the area.

2010 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

Members of the Historical Society, Machcinski and Kempfer, spent several hours cleaning up the entry sign in the center section near Allen and Gibraltar. More work needs to be done and volunteers are still being sought to maintain this area. Ashley Capital has said their crew will be sent to take care of the sign at Sibley.

After a brief discussion, members of the Commission agreed that they would meet at 9:30 am on the morning of June 16th, to work on the entry sign at Huron River Drive and West Jefferson. If it rains, they will meet on the 17th instead. Anyone interested in helping will be welcomed at that time.

Maxe stated that a laborer will be sent next week to install the sign at the Northeast Corner of West and Telegraph.

Members also discussed writing a letter to past winners of the Beautification Award to let them know that the Awards will not be given out this year. Pfau asked Denise to prepare a letter for members to vote on in July.

Southeast Michigan Beautification Commission meets again on September 16, 2010. Pfau will contact them regarding the newsletters. None of the members have received a mailed copy.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Richard Smith, 24781 Pamela, expressed concerns regarding the finer details on the Campus plan. He suggested that the Commissioners get more involved in the planning, if possible, attend any public hearings that may be scheduled. The current plan is a preliminary plan and does not give details such as distance or landscaping. Although the current plan looks good, changes may be made as the project progresses. Maxe listed those involved in the planning process. The Commissioners asked Maxe to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

Pfau suggested that Mr. Smith may want to submit a letter of interest to join the Beautification/Historical Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Sheldon, supported by Walters, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical Commission meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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