

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 17, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification Commission was held at the Brownstown Recreation Center, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. Chairperson Pfau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: none

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by Machcinski, supported by DeLeon, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission Minutes of July 20, 2010, as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Sheldon, supported by Walters, to approve the agenda of August 17, 2010. All voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Approximately 20 people attended the Open House on August 1, 2010; many of them were gardeners who have plots this year. A walking tour of the existing gardens was educational for all. Pfau stated that the improvements made to the Farm House are progressing well. Marilyn Mentzert was commended for her ideas and work in furnishing the bedrooms. The era being targeted for furnishings is the 1920's. At this time, only about four items from that era have been collected. The Historical Society will continue to search for and rotate furnishings, until the goal has been satisfied. Linda Smith and Delores were recognized for their work on the Historical books and Archives. They have spent many hours compiling information for residents of future generations to have and enjoy. Helen Erving was also recognized by the Commission for her efforts in cutting the triangle at Allen and Gibraltar. Sheldon will draft a letter of thanks to be sent from the Beautification/Historical Commission to those who were recognized. The next Open House will most likely be scheduled for October.

2010 GARDEN PROJECT

Dick Smith introduced Master Gardener Rick Whitecotton, who has been a great help to many of the other gardeners, first time and seasoned gardeners alike. Mr. Whitecotton stated that the tomato problem that many gardeners have experienced this year is powdery mildew (due to the heavy rains and high humidity, many plants did not have a chance to dry out.

An email list is being compiled for a newsletter for the gardeners. They would like to form a gardening club and at the Historical Society Open House, chose August 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., as their first meeting time.

The Garden Project has been a success and plans are in place to make improvements for next year.

ENTRY SIGNS

The sign at Gibraltar and Allen needs attention. Members discussed all three signs and the possibility of moving some plants to other areas and when would be the best time to do that. Available members will meet August 18, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

There were no new items to discuss. Members expressed an idea for a gazebo near the farm house.

OTHER BUSINESS:

63 letters were sent to inform the We Care recipients of previous years that there will not be an Awards Ceremony this year.

Fall Clean-up dates are October 4th – 15th.

PUBLIC FORUM:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Szymanski, supported by Sheldon, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical Commission meeting at 7:50 p.m. All voting aye.

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