

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN  
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification/Historical Commission was held at Brownstown Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. Chairperson Pfau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Members Pfau, Sheldon, Szymanski, Walters, Whitecotton, and Recreation Director Maxe.

**ABSENT AND EXCUSED:** DeLeon and Machinski

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** Motion of Walters, supported by Whitecotton, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission minutes of November 16, 2010 as submitted. All present voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion of Sheldon, supported by Szymanski, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission agenda of December 21, 2010 as submitted. All present voting aye.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT:** Richard Smith wished all a Merry Christmas and reported that the Historical Society did not have a meeting last month but will resume their regular schedule on January 11, 2011. He wanted to thank members Mentzert and Machinski for the wonderful job they are doing on keeping up the historical Display Cabinet. Inside the historical museum, some cleaning and some volunteer electrical work are scheduled to be completed next month.

There is now a Historical Society website, [www.brownstownhistory.org](http://www.brownstownhistory.org). It contains pages and links of Brownstown facts, photos, stories, and also a link to the Brownstown Garden Club. Smith requested a link be created back and forth through the Township web page and offered to include Beautification/Historical information on the Society's site. Maxe will take care of getting these links created. Smith wanted to recognize the efforts of member Randy Durfee and his wife who are doing the web site. Mentzert shared photos of her current project restoring an old baby carriage.

**2011 GARDEN PROJECT:** Whitecotton reported that the garden is asleep and covered with snow. It was plowed under in the fall, but the layouts and plots will be need to be cultivated in the spring. The garden club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February. Members are planning a seed exchange and are weighing a decision to make the club more formal or not. He expects more gardeners this coming year and some possible educational features are being considered with ideas to be presented when formalized.

**ENTRY SIGNS:** Maxe reported the DDA budget is approved and funding has been allocated for the beautification of the Township and cleanup purposes. Entry signs could be included in this funding if members want. Maxe has a new sign company that he could use for maintenance-free signs which could be placed in spring after the thaw. The firefighters from Station #1 have adopted the sign at Sibley Road and have been doing a great job. Maxe will continue to request the Gibraltar Road Station firefighters to take on the responsibilities for the Gibraltar Road sign.

**CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN:** Maxe reported that Phase I of the Township Campus Development Plan is ready to submit to bid. Phase II of the project will be the event barn and is still in the planning stages. Maxe is waiting on the DEQ permits for the property across King Road.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Sheldon reported on her research of the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency “Farmers Market” program. Their program information is currently being updated and they will send out the new information and sample contract to her in January.

Maxe suggested instead of hosting a “We Care Awards” event, for something different, hold a “Best of Brownstown” competition. The public could vote on a variety of categories for their favorite local businesses and have an end-of-year recognition presentation to the winning businesses. Members would create the categories to be awarded, flyers and newsletters would be distributed, and the News Herald could be used to get the word out. Maxe will check on the costs to do this program and if DDA funding could be used if members approve.

Pfau requested a report on the annual tree-lighting since she was not able to attend. Sheldon offered that the event was very nice with good attendance having more kids than last year.

Motion of Sheldon, supported by Whitecotton, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical Commission meeting at 7:32 p.m. All present voting aye.

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