

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 18, 2011**

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, January 18, 2011. Chairperson Pfau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: none

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by Walters, supported by Whitecotton, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission Minutes of December 21, 2010, as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Machcinski, supported by Szymanski, to approve the agenda of January 18, 2011. All voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Machcinski reported that the members of the Historical Society discussed asking the Treasurer's office to store more of the tax records in a secure place. The Society members are looking for a volunteer, possibly in the Boy Scouts, to take on the Rumsey Cemetery cleanup in the spring. Another rummage sale will be scheduled tentatively for the month of May. The Society is researching the possibility of having a Family History Center within the museum where residents could view records relating to family history in the Township, similar to Ancestry.com.

Richard Smith gave a presentation of a project that the Society would like support in pursuing. Dan Harrison, Assistant Librarian at Henry Ford CC has been through the steps with the National Parks Service to obtain certification for Corduroy Road as a recognized site. According to Mr. Harrison, Wayne County is willing to sponsor a Historical Marker to be placed on the property near the road, possibly at the Boat Launch where people can read it in a safe and leisurely way.

Richard Micka, with the River Raisin Battlefield Group, has volunteered to assist with obtaining matching government funding for this project. State Historical Markers are standardized and verbiage for the marker will need to be approved. The Society has contacted others who will help with composing the exact wording.

Motion by Whitecotton, supported by Sheldon, to support perusing a historical marker and plaque commemorating Corduroy Road to be presented in conjunction with the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. All voting aye.

2011 GARDEN PROJECT

Whitecotton reported that the next meeting of the Garden Club is February 1, 2011, at 7:00 PM. A seed exchange is planned for the meeting and all are welcome to attend. The results from the soil test showed trace amounts of lead but nothing in the danger zone or requiring abatement and the soil needs to be acidified. A layout for the 2011 garden that will include such things as ornamental edibles and pumpkins will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Department for approval in the near future.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

Maxe reported that though nothing has been bid out yet, plans are progressing slowly but surely. The maintenance building will be bid out in the near future. The Event Barn is still in the planning stages. The permits from the DNRE are still under review and will hopefully be approved by the end of summer.

2011 PROJECTS

Entry Signs – The DDA will consider adding a couple of signs and replacing the existing signs with updated materials. Commissioners need to be on the lookout for locations to consider for the additional signs.

The Best of Brownstown - If this project is to be considered, categories need to be decided and what to do for the "best" winners. A categories suggestion list will be compiled for members to consider. A link can be placed on the website where residents can vote for little cost. It will take some time for advertising and compiling the results. Results can be posted at the end of the year or at the beginning of next year.

Farmers Market - Sheldon will obtain copies of contract from the

Tree lighting will remain an event for the Commission to be involved in.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Sheldon, supported by Whitecotton, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical meeting at 7:35 p.m. All voting aye.

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