

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification Commission was held at the Brownstown Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. Chairperson Pfau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members Pfau, Sheldon, Szymanski, Machcinski and Walters
ABSENT and EXCUSED: Golovich and Whitecotton

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by Machcinski, supported by Sheldon, to approve the Beautification/Historical Commission Minutes of February 22, 2011 as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Szymanski, supported by Walters, to approve the agenda of March 15, 2011. All voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Open House on March 6, 2011, was attended by a family of four (Garden Club member) and a Southgate resident that was seeking information about a reunion. The Society would like the Commission to sponsor the May Open House and invite the members of the Downtown Development Authority and the Township Board. The date for the May Open House is Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Machcinski also reported that the scout taking care of the Rumsey Cemetery clean up this year is Ryan DeLorme.

The dates of the Historical Society's yard sale, to be held at the old bus garage, are May 19, 20 and 21. Flyers were distributed and donations are being requested.

Maxe reported that the Historical Marker for Corduroy Road has been approved by the County and the State. Production of the Marker will take ten to twelve months and is scheduled to be placed in conjunction with the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812.

Machcinski had pictures of the marker placed at Munger Store in Flat Rock for anyone who was interested in what the finished marker will look like.

Pfau recognized Marilyn Mentzert, who was present, for her volunteer efforts. Marilyn received flowers and a plaque recently from Senator Basham of the 15th District.

2011 GARDEN PROJECT

Members were sent an update via email from Whitecotton. Richard Smith, 24781 Pamela, stated that at the last Garden Club meeting, seeds were distributed by Whitecotton and plans were refined to include exhibition gardens, and edible ornamentals. Members were encouraged to "plant an extra row for the hungry". The goal of the Club is to have both a productive and attractive site that will blend nicely with the landscaping.

Pfau pointed out that the “Dig It” column by Paul Rodman (Heritage News, Sunday, March 13, 2011) featured planting rows to help area food banks. For additional information on what to do with extra produce, contact Paul Rodman, Heritage Newspapers, or call 1-313-719-1181.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

Kaitlyn Campbell, DDA Assistant Director, was present to discuss the Farmer’s Market. The DDA is interested in sponsoring this project and would appreciate participation from the Beautification/Historical Commission.

Motion by Sheldon, supported by Szymanski, to partner with the Downtown Development Authority to establish a Farmer’s Market and recommend approval of the program and contract with the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency to the Township Board. All voting aye.

Campbell and Maxe also defined the phases of the Campus Development Plans for the Commission. Phase I (Maintenance Building, Tennis Courts and Dog Park) is expected to break ground soon. Phase II (a. Splash Pads and Playground Area and b. Event Barn and Museum area) may begin as early as late summer, 2011.

The other Phases will be later in the year or next year, depending upon proper permitting from the DNRE.

2011 PROJECTS

Entry Signs – The principal areas of interest for new entry signs are northbound Telegraph near the Flat Rock border (possibly on the ITC property) and southbound Telegraph near Pennsylvania (possibly on property owned by Fritz)

The Best of Brownstown – Members will be given copies of the revised list and will try to condense the list to approximately 20 categories so that the list can be finalized at the April meeting.

Tim Jones was present and the Commission recognized him for his volunteer efforts and requested his permission to nominate him for the 2011 Individual Service Award. Sheldon will prepare the nomination for approval at the next meeting.

Motion by Szymanski, supported by all members, to nominate Tim Jones for the Individual Service Award.

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for the first two weeks of May.

OTHER BUSINESS – none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Walters, supported by Machcinski, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical meeting at 8:15 PM. All voting aye.

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