

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification / Historical Commission was held at the Brownstown Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Pfau introduced and welcomed new Commission member John Golovich.

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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Walters and Machinski

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of Sheldon, supported by Szymanski, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission minutes of March 15, 2011 as submitted. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Whitecotton, supported by Golovich, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission agenda of April 19, 2011 as submitted. All present voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT: Pfau reported that Machinski was absent but she wanted the members to be reminded that the Historical Museum Open House will be held on Sunday, May 1st from 12:00 until 5:00 p.m. and the Yard Sale on May 19, 20, and 21, 2011, which will be held at the old bus garage before it is demolished.

HISTORICAL MARKER – CORDUROY ROAD: The State Historical Commission has all the information required for the Corduroy Road historical marker. They will edit and review the text and send back for revisions if needed; it is a back and forth process, which is progressing, but it may take a couple of months to get their final approval. Pfau shared a wonderful article written about the Corduroy Road by Dan Harrison in the Detroit Free Press in the April 11, 2011 edition.

2011 GARDEN PROJECT: Member Whitecotton reported that the Garden Club members were concerned because they had a drop in winter attendance at their meetings. At a recent meeting though, 13 members were in attendance and are excited about the new garden plans and they are ready to start gardening.

The Garden Club has been researching other communities and their charters, but they are planning to take their time organizing and educating themselves and their members before a decision is made. The Trenton Garden club was contacted and asked to come to one of the meetings to share their experience with our gardeners in an open house interaction. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011. There have been 37 plots sold for the garden already this year and could reach capacity soon.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Township Campus renovation plans are moving along. Phase I bids were awarded by the DDA and go to the Township Board for approval. The project is expected to start in mid May. Updated drawings for Phase II are still being worked on which Maxe will bring for members review when he receives.

2011 PROJECTS – FARMERS MARKET: Sheldon reported she has had a couple of meetings with Assistant DDA Director Campbell and reviewed some of the ideas they came up with which included musicians/entertainment, face painters, balloon man, weekly recipes and product baskets to encourage sales, and a children’s educational passport.

Members and Maxe liked and recommended the children’s fruit and vegetable passport idea. Sheldon to propose the purchase of these passports at a cost of \$1.95 each for 250 count to Campbell and the DDA.

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will organize and staff the event. Market hours will be from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. each Tuesday from June 14th to September 27th. It will be advertised in the Recreation and DDA newsletters, on the Township marquee and cable channel, flyers and a press release in the News Herald. Event signs, shopping bags, and wagons are being ordered now.

OTHER BUSINESS: Maxe heard back from only two members regarding the “Best of Brownstown” project. He needs responses from the rest of the members to submit 20 possible suggestions if they want to continue to do this as a project.

Sheldon is working on the letter regarding their candidate for the ISA award and has put in a couple of calls but has not heard back from him yet.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Pfau reported that the BCSEM quarterly meeting she attended at the City of Gibraltar in March was very nice. The next BCSEM meeting will be held June 16th in Farmington Hills at the Long Acre House. Pfau requested that Maxe check that their annual dues have been paid and informed him that the information and invoices are only available online. The Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan will be turning 50 years old in 2013 and they are trying to increase their membership to 50 total members by that time. The state-sponsored “Keep Michigan Beautiful” event is going on now from April 1st through May 31st this year.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion of Sheldon, supported by Whitecotton, to adjourn the Beautification / Historical Commission meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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