

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JANUARY 17, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification / Historical Commission was held at the Brownstown Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Pfau, Golovich, Machinski, Sheldon, Szymanski, Walters, and Whitecotton.
ABSENT AND EXCUSED: None

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of Walters, supported by Whitecotton, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission minutes of December 20, 2011 as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Szymanski, supported by Sheldon, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission agenda of January 17, 2012 as submitted. All voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT: Pfau reported that member Machinski has resigned from the Commission and an interested applicant will be placed on the next Township Board agenda for approval. Historical Society member, Richard Smith, provided the January meeting report. Museum open house dates are expected to be set at the next Historical Society meeting. New projects for 2012 include a photograph drive to solicit pictures of Brownstown citizens and sites for the Historical display cabinet and a volunteer recognition event. Smith will be meeting with Jerry Wykes from Lake Erie Metropark tomorrow to discuss a War of 1812 memorial rededication event scheduled for August 5th and the Corduroy Road project. The Rumsey Cemetery clean-up is underway with the eagle scouts expecting to complete the work during May and June. Sheldon suggested a picnic in the park could be held to celebrate the 185th birthday of the Township. Smith explained that previous birthday parties were usually not well-attended for the amount of work involved but agreed that an outdoor community picnic could generate enough interested residents.

GARDEN PROJECT: Whitecotton reported that Smith has been arranging to have the soil improved in the new location of the Community Garden. Smith explained that he has been working with the DDA Director to have top soil and compost added to the site over the winter. The next Garden Club meeting will be held in March.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Members reviewed the DDA minutes from the joint Campus Development meeting that was held. Pfau reported that the Township Board approved the funding for the project at their last meeting. Demolition of the old bus garage has begun. Walters to contact Maxe about any plans to provide drinking fountains and will forward his response to members.

2012 PROJECTS: Sheldon reported the "Picture This" project should begin in April. She shared some of her recent research on holding a garden walk and will try and bring a written plan for the Brownstown Garden Walk to the next meeting for review. She is compiling an entertainment list of 2 to 3 acts for each Farmers Market day and will bring that to next meeting also. A News Herald article about the City of Wyandotte hiring a director to run their Farmers Market was shared. Discussion was held regarding whether we should run the Market ourselves or remain under Wayne County management.

OTHER BUSINESS: It was decided to wait until the Township Campus development is complete before we host a BCSEM meeting. Golovich reported that the Scouts are committed to maintaining the Township sign again this year.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Review of members e-mail addresses. Szymanski to prepare a new list for everyone when the new member joins the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion of Golovich, supported by Whitcotton, to adjourn the Beautification / Historical Commission meeting at 7:41 p.m. All voting aye.

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