

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification / Historical Commission was held at the Brownstown Township Community Center, 21311 Telegraph Road, on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Pfau, Boritzki, Golovich, Machinski, Sheldon, Walters, and Whitecotton.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Szymanski

New member Linda Boritzki was introduced.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of Golovich, supported by Whitecotton, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission minutes of January 17, 2012 as submitted. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Whitecotton, supported by Walters, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission agenda of February 21, 2012 as submitted. All present voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT: Members reviewed the printed Historical Society report that was prepared by Richard Smith who could not be present at tonight's meeting. Pfau shared an e-mail announcing the Brownstown Historical Society Photo Contest. The deadline to submit photos of families, sites, and businesses with historical significance to Brownstown is May 25, 2012. Winners of the \$50 first prize and the \$25 second prize are to be announced on May 28th.

GARDEN PROJECT: Whitecotton reported that the regular Garden Club meetings should begin again in April and will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. He explained that the club hopes to alternate gardening classes and social events with their meetings. Maxe announced that the ground for the Community Garden has been cleared.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Demolition of the Bus Garage is taking longer because the contractor is recycling the materials to rebuild elsewhere. Phase II of the Campus Development is out for bid and due back in a couple of weeks. Some issues have developed with the moving of a drain but Phase II construction is still anticipated to begin this summer. Maxe reported that there will be drinking fountains scattered throughout the park. The memorial wall is expected to remain as designed with the Police and Fire departments determining who will be honored on the wall.

The Welcome to Brownstown sign for West and Telegraph Road is on posts and ready to be put into the ground when weather permits.

2012 PROJECTS: The 2012 Farmers Market will be held in front of Township Hall in half of the parking lot due to the Campus Development construction.

Member Sheldon arrived at 7:10 p.m.

The south and center section Brownstown signs will be maintained again this year by member Golovich's son and his Boy Scout troop. The Sibley sign is to be cared for by the Fire Department. When the West Road sign is put in, it will only have grass that will need to be cut.

Sheldon provided a list of ideas for possible events and entertainment acts for the Farmers Market this year and requested feedback or other ideas from the members. Maxe and everyone agreed that there were many good ideas and recommended that she speak with the new DDA assistant and bring recommendations back for review. Whitecotton suggested adding the Humbug Marsh presenter that he recently heard speak to the list.

The "Picture This" project will be worked on more during the months of April and May.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

OPEN DISCUSSION: February is usually a quiet month. Sheldon is still preparing the Garden Walk information to present to members. Pfau reminded members to send in pictures to the Historical Society photo contest.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion of Golovich, supported by Whitecotton, to adjourn the Beautification / Historical Commission meeting at 7:29 p.m. All present voting aye.

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