

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MARCH 20, 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, March 20, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Pfau, Golovich, Sheldon, Szymanski, Walters, and Whitecotton. Also in attendance was Recreation Director Maxe.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Whitecotton

ABSENT: Boritzki

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Szymanski, supported by Golovich, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission agenda of March 20, 2012 as submitted. All present voting aye.

RYAN DELORME – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Eagle Scout, Ryan DeLorme, from Allen Park Troop #1061 was in attendance to request permission to clean up the Rumsey Cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. He hopes to begin by April 15 and work on the weekends. Szymanski requested before and after documentation and photos. Pfau thinks it is a wonderful project and wanted a return visit by Ryan to show the Commission his progress.

Motion of Golovich, supported by Walters, to approve the Brownstown Beautification / Historical Commission support the project of Eagle Scout, Ryan Delorme, Troop #1061, to clean up the Rumsey Cemetery located on Telegraph Road in Brownstown Township. All present voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT: Members were reminded about the Historical Society Photo Contest deadline of May 25, 2012. The State of Michigan has approved the wording for the Historical Marker which is on order and expected to arrive in 4 to 6 weeks. No Historical Society meeting was held as Richard Smith has been sick. They are still looking for a place to hold their garage sale in May since the old bus garage is now demolished.

GARDEN PROJECT: The Garden Club will be meeting the first Tuesday in April. Maxe has started selling Community Garden plots and will be preparing the ground for planting when dry.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Maxe reported that Phase I of the Campus Development project is almost complete with just some finish work remaining. The construction bids for Phase II-East have been approved and work should begin soon on the event barn and garden. Phase II-West is almost ready to go out to bid. The project has been moving along well, however, there has been some delay in drain relocation due to unfrozen ground.

2012 PROJECTS: Spring Cleanup Weeks are being held May 7 through May 18 this year. Sheldon provided additional ideas and flyer samples for the Farmers Market and plans to present them to the DDA soon. Maxe mentioned that the DDA will be in charge of the Market this year. Historical Society member, Marilyn Mentzert, will check to see if the Society plans to open the museum during Market Days because of the change in location this year due to campus renovations. Looks like the Garden Walk will not be held as this project requires more work than time allows.

OTHER BUSINESS: The West Road sign should be going up as soon as the weather permits.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Pfau read the BSCEM newsletter that she received in her e-mail. Their Individual Service Award and nomination form deadline is May 15, 2012. Sheldon to speak with and interview Richard Smith for the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion of Sheldon, supported by Walters, to adjourn the Beautification / Historical Commission meeting at 7:59 p.m. All present voting aye.

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