

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION
APRIL 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, April 17, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: None

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of Golovich, supported by Sheldon, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission minutes of March 20, 2012 as submitted. All voting aye.

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT: Historical Society member Smith reported that the Historical Marker dedication which was set for July 4th has been changed to August 5, 2012. The current plan is to hold a noon dedication ceremony for the Historical Marker near the Wayne County Boat Launch then move to Gibraltar Carlson High School at 2:00 p.m. for a Battle of Brownstown reenactment and other events pending final approval. Grouping all these events together should boost attendance. Smith requested the Commission's approval for the Historical Society to go forward with the dedication and reenactment event plans as presented.

Motion of Golovich, supported by Whitecotton, to support and approve Richard Smith and the Historical Society to proceed with the planning and coordinating of the Historical Marker dedication and War of 1812 reenactment event to be held on August 5, 2012 as discussed. All voting aye.

Smith also reminded everyone of the May 28th deadline for the Historical Society Photo Contest and of their Garage Sale being held May 10th through May 12th at the Knights of Columbus Hall located on Hall Road between Vreeland and Gibraltar.

Pfau announced that she visited the Rumsey Cemetery and found it looking very nice. Smith responded that around forty people assisted the Scouts with their recent clean-up project.

GARDEN PROJECT: The Community Gardens are about 85% complete. The water service lines, pad and shed are to go in next week. Filling, mulching, and staking will occur when it gets nearer to the planting season. Pfau shared an article in the News Herald about our Community Garden with members. Maxe has sold about forty plots, which is about the same as last year.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Members were invited to attend the dedication of the Brownstown Dog Park on the Township Campus at noon on Saturday, April 28, 2012 immediately following the Annual Rabies Clinic that is being held from 9 a.m. until noon. The

final finishing touches for the park are being done now. The tennis courts and parking lot are just about complete also.

For Phase II–East of the Campus Development they are very busy working on the construction of the event barn. The contract calls for the project to be finished by early in 2013. Phase II–West, which includes the splash park, playground equipment, and landscaping in the Telegraph and King Road area of the campus, is ready to go out to bid.

2012 PROJECTS: Sheldon reported that she spoke and met with DDA Assistant Director Trussell to share her ideas for entertainment at the Farmers Market. She was asked to get together with Ms. Trussell again to finalize the list and bring it back to the Commission for approval at next month’s meeting. Sheldon also reported that Mr. Smith declined the nomination for the BCSEM individual service award.

OTHER BUSINESS: The annual Spring Cleanup is being held this year from May 7 through May 18, 2012. All members were asked to try and attend the Dog Park grand opening.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Member Boritzki announced that the Trenton Soroptomists are holding a Kentucky Derby Day to benefit South Shore Hospital/Head Injuries at Fratello’s Restaurant in Trenton on May 5, 2012. Contact her for the \$20 tickets if interested.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion of Whitecotton, supported by Walters, to adjourn the Beautification / Historical Commission meeting at 7:32 p.m. All voting aye.

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