

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JUNE 19, 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, June 19, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Pfau, Boritzki, Golovich, and Whitecotton. Also in attendance was Recreation Assistant Director Thomas

ABSENT: Sheldon, Walters

EXCUSED: Szymanski

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of Golovich, supported by Whitecotton, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission minutes of May 22, 2012, as submitted. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Whitecotton, supported by Golovich, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission agenda of June 19, 2012, as submitted. All present voting aye.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT: The results of the Historical Society Photo contest were reported by Richard Smith. First Place was awarded to Donna Tillman for her 1955 photo of Tillman Farm, located across from the Oak Ridge Cemetery on Telegraph Road. This farmhouse was used as a stagecoach stop on the road to Monroe and Toledo in the early 1800's. Second Place went to Linda Zurawski for her photo from the first Township Fishing Derby winners at Pointe Mouillee (1978).

Smith reminded members that the Historical Marker for the Corduroy Road will be dedicated on Sunday, August 5, 2012, at noon. The marker could be erected as soon as the end of this month, now that all of the permissions have been granted. Gerry Wykes, Supervising Interpreter of the Lake Erie Marshland Museum, will speak at the ceremonies at Carlson High School, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Rumsey Cemetery clean up is going well. The plantings are taking hold and the improvements are becoming more visible.

GARDEN PROJECT: Tonight's Garden Club meeting was sparsely attended. The shed is now in place so items can be stored out of site. This will make a big difference in keeping the area looking neat and clean.

Commissioners expressed interest in having their own planting space at the Historical Center, rather than having the entire area professionally landscaped. They would like an area that shows community involvement.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS: There was nothing new to report.

2012 PROJECTS: The Farmers Market was well attended on the first day of the season. The attendance was down a little today, most likely due to the heat. There were 10 vendors present, including the fresh produce tent.

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OTHER BUSINESS: Golovich expressed concern for Sheldon and said that if she still wishes to step down as liaison for the Farmer's Market, he would be willing to take on that position in July.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion of Golovich, supported by Whitecotton, to adjourn the Beautification / Historical Commission meeting at 7:37 p.m. All present voting aye.

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