

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN  
BEAUTIFICATION / HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
April 16, 2013**

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 16, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT & EXCUSED:** Boritzki

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** Motion of Walters, supported by Szymanski, to approve the Beautification/Historical meeting minutes of March 19, 2013, as submitted. All voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion of Sheldon, supported by Golovich, to approve the Beautification / Historical Commission agenda of April 16, 2013, as submitted. All present voting aye.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT:**

Garage Sale - Flyers for the Historical Society's annual yard sale on May, 9 – 11, 2013, at John's Garage, 26810 Telegraph, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134 were distributed to the members.

Maple Grove School -Richard Smith announced that the Maple Grove School demolition is nearly complete and that if anyone is interested in purchasing one of the bricks, they will be available through a fundraiser being done by the Woodhaven/Brownstown School District.

Rumsey Cemetery – According to the Wayne County Register of Deeds, this property is owned by the Woodhaven Brownstown School District.

DuChene Farmhouse – The Downtown Development Authority has had the basement waterproofed, removed the septic tank and tied into the public sewer system.

Lee Road – Smith gave a brief history lesson on the Lee Road project. The adjacent property was donated by the Archdiocese of Detroit with a deed restriction that a monument would be placed honoring St Mary's Catholic Church. This area is also part of the Cordory Road from the 1800's.

**GARDEN PROJECT:** Richard Smith provided a brief history of the Garden Project for the newest member of the Commission. The Historical Society was involved in the project when it began in 2009. The Recreation Department supplied the funding and administration, along with the water for watering the individual plots. So far this year, about 50% of the available plots have been rented and about 25% of the raised beds. Smith introduced two of the four board members of the Garden Club, Neil Noel and John Neighbors.

**CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS:** The progress is continuing all around the Township Campus. The Event Barn now has power and members are invited for a tour after the meeting.

**2013 PROJECTS:**

**WE CARE:** The DDA has opted not to fund the We Care Award Banquet. They invited members to give recognition by setting up a booth at the Business Expo in January. Members were disappointed by this because they felt it would be difficult to properly recognize businesses at an open house style event.

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**YARD OF THE MONTH:** Sheldon explained the project for the benefit of the newest commissioner. She also stated that Ruhlig's has agreed to donate a \$25.00 prize to the winner of each month. Entry forms are available.

**WELCOME SIGNS:** Maxe will check with the Fire Department to see if they are still planning to maintain the sign at Sibley.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Members made comments about the new section of Dix-Toledo being very dark at night and the lines are hard to see.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion of **Golovich**, supported by **Walters**, to adjourn the Beautification / Historical Commission meeting at 7:38 p.m. All present voting aye.

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