

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Tom Yaschen.

ROLL CALL: Present - Tom Yaschen, John Herzog, Marilyn Sypolt, Richard Piekarski, Michele Stearns, Michele Ficht, Marlene Herzog (arrival 7:30 pm) with Sue Grimaudo excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Michele F., seconded by Michele S., and carried to approve the Agenda for October 4, 2012 as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Marilyn S., seconded by Michele F., and carried to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2012 Beautification Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Display at Heritage Days – Our appreciation to Sue G. for a fabulous job. The decorations looked great and Sue reported that there was a lot of interest.

B. BCSEM Chesterfield Meeting – March 21, 2013 – Great work Michele. The FOP Lodge is reserved and the catering given an estimate of 110 guests. We still need donations to cover the cost of breakfast. Perhaps Kroger could donate fruit, yogurt, coffee, etc. Also, we need to continue securing gifts for the 50/50 drawing and for guest favors. Everyone has their assignments.

C. Pumpkin Carving Contest – Flyers are being distributed. Let Tom Y. know if you need more flyers to pass out. He has purchased tickets for several needy children to be able to participate, which is a great idea for all of us to do. Neat -thanks Tom. Any additional volunteers will be appreciated for Saturday, October 20 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. to work with Tom Y. and Sue G.

D. Change in By-Laws: Tom Y. reviewed the changes recommended. A motion was made by Tom Y., seconded by Marilyn S., and carried to make the changes in By-Laws as indicated. Tom Y. and Richard P. will follow through with the process to get them approved by the Township.

- 1.) Board Liaison Term to be Two-Years
- 2.) Activities to Include Tree Board Duties
- 3.) Chairperson duties to include liaison to Public Works Superintendent

E) DNR Tree Grant – Tom Y. reviewed the grant process. The Tree Grant has been submitted with a decision expected in December. There was further discussion regarding the new trees that did not make it through this summer. Water was not a problem but there was some kind of disease or fungus which we will try to have analyzed .

F) Partners in Progress Award – Copies were distributed of the verbiage approved at the last meeting.

G) Membership – There remains one voting member vacancy; however, there is no limit on non-voting “members at large.” It would be great to have a large number of members at large. They do not have to go through the Township approval process as with voting members.

NEW BUSINESS: A) Bridge Decoration – For all who can make it, the entrance way bridge to the Township

Office will be decorated November 24 at 9:00 a.m. with the Fall Cleanup on that same morning. Let Sue G. know if we need more decorations. There will be discussion in the November meeting.

B) Nominations & Elections – The Committee approved Tom Yaschen as Chairman, Marilyn Sypolt as Vice Chairman, and John Herzog as Secretary of the Beautification Committee for this coming year.

C) Facebook Page – Thank you Michele S.! Our own Facebook Page is such a great idea. The launch looks good. Michele requests we do as many “friending” of the page as possible to raise visibility.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE: Marlene H. shared pictures, program, ideas, format, etc. from the Auburn Hills Beautification Council Meeting. John H. asked about painting the Brandenburg Park sign yet this year as the weather did not cooperate when time was available (he has the paint and supplies from Richard P.). It was decided to do this in the spring. The Chesterfield Township Sign from New Baltimore also will need painting. Tom Y. suggested we do a Beautification Committee painting party in the spring. John H. asked if it was appropriate to develop letterhead for our Committee. Richard P. will look into the possibility. Marilyn S. showed her creative talent once again with the display case in the Township Office featuring fall activities and her event notebook filled with pictures.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 7, 2012

Further Meeting dates will be December 5, 2012, January 9, 2013, February 6, 2013, March 6, 2013, March 21, 2013 (host for Beautification Council Quarterly meeting), April 3, 2013, May 1, 2013, Beautification Week, May 12-19, 2013, June 5, 2013, (Off in July), August 7, 2013, September 4, 2013, October 2, 2013, November 6, 2013, with no meetings in December, 2013 and January 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned 8:17 p.m.