

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 3, 2013

Regular Meeting at 7PM

Chesterfield Township Offices Building Department Wing (47275 Sugarbush)

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Yaschen at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Tom Yaschen, Marilyn Sypot, John Herzog, Marlene Herzog, Sue Grimaudo, Cindy Berry, Richard Piekarski, Don Coddington, guests Wayne and Linda Nemeth, and guest Tracy Antrikin from the Selfridge/North Macomb Lions Club. Absent and excused were Michele Stearns, Michele Ficht, and Karen Floyd.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Cindy Berry, seconded by Marilyn Sypolt, and carried to approve the Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Cindy Berry, seconded by Marilyn Sypolt, and carried to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2013 as amended by Richard Piekarski in New Business C #1 changing "Chesterfield" to "L'anse Creuse."

- OLD BUSINESS:**
- A)** Review of BCSEM Chesterfield Meeting – Tom Y. indicated that he has several calls from different groups complimenting us on the great event both the program and venue. Don C. apologized as he had an unavoidable conflict that day even though he had purchased a ticket. He was thanked for his contribution. Speakers were quite motivational, the food was excellent, and final results with attendance should balance out (eight no shows but there were 8 who did not register and paid at the door). Tom Y. has received several requests for our "Tree City Shirts." Richard P. would appreciate a summary of everyone's contributions in time, cost, and "in kind" donations for the final report. Please e-mail your personal summary to him before the next meeting.
 - B)** Beautification Week Advertising on TV, Website, and Schools is in process.
 - C)** BBB Contest Flyers need to be delivered to Schools once the Flyers are approved by the District offices. Richard P. does not believe they have been approved as of this date. Once approved the schools should be notified from their District's Central Offices. When dropping off Flyers go to the school office.
 - D)** Shirts – We need to develop a plan to sell our "Tree City T Shirts."
 - E)** Cindy Berry indicated the Arbor Day Proclamation has been approved by the Chesterfield Township Board of Trustees.
 - F)** Tom Y. noted this Committee meeting will also serve as a Tree Board Meeting.
 - 1. Condition of Pine Trees at Brandenburg Park. A neighbor indicated some of the trees are

- turning brown and may be infected. Tom Y. and Don C. will check out their condition.
2. Also, the condition of the Maple Trees planted last year need further attention as they seem to have green moss on the trunks? Wayne N. said the moss should be scratched to see if it is wet and is draining sap out of the tree.
3. Tree Goals: Removal of Ash Trees and Replanting Programs – Don C. said that 17 Ash Trees were removed from Veterans Park and 7 were removed from Brandenburg Park. Don C. also indicated Selfridge is planning to take down a large cotton wood tree on the border with the Chesterfield Township at the Youth Center. They now plan to follow through with clear cutting of all trees and brush by Town Center Road in the area designated as a “clear zone.”

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Partners on Progress – Nominations for this award will be received from March 1 to October 1. More to come.
- B) Tree City USA Meeting – April 16 in Lansing from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tom Y. and John and Marlene H. plan to represent the Township. Chesterfield Township will be given six special “Tree City Signs” for posting around the area.
- C) Planting of 75 trees with the Selfridge/North Macomb Lions Club – Tracy Antrikin shared that their club has 12” – 18” Northern Spruce trees available for 4th graders to plant. The trees have been purchased by the Selfridge/North Macomb Lions Club. Their Club would like to do a joint program with our Committee now that Chesterfield Township is a “Tree City USA.” Tracy asked if these trees could be planted with 4th graders during our Beautification Week in designated places around the Historical Village and other places in the Township such as Veterans Park. Tracy A. would have volunteers from the Lions Club to work with us to help plant the trees if such could be coordinated with school field trips. Don C. indicated that the trees would need to be staked and identified to prevent mower damage. Wayne Nemeth indicated he would donate mulch to put around the trees. Tracy A. will work with the various schools to see if a field trip is possible. Tom Y. suggested Thursday, May 16th when our Beautification Committee would be available to help as we plant flowers at the Township Office.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- A) Flowers for Beautification Week Planting. Marilyn S. indicated we need to have our flower choices ready to go for ordering at our next meeting as Beautification Week is two weeks later. Sue G. found the order from last year from Van Tommas. The cost was \$256 for 9 flats of red Geraniums, 6 flats of ultra violet Petunias, 4 flats of yellow Marigolds, and 4 flats of white Alyssum. The Committee concurred that what we had last year was great and we should do the same this year. Sue will follow through with Richard P. to get the process started to cut a check for the order.
- B) Trees for distribution during Beautification Week. Sue G. will be picking up the trees that were ordered on April 26th or 27th from Macomb Conversation at the Sportsman’s Gun Club.
- C) Thank You Notes for the BCSEM Meeting. Tom Y. asked Richard P. to send formal thank you letters to all those persons and companies donating to the BCSEM Meeting. Those we are aware of are Sorelle Bakery, Unique Writing (Mr. Thomas Sprader), Trustee Mrs. Bell, the Hansen

Family, Manager from Kroger, and our Speakers Amanda and Mr. Naldrett. Please let Richard P. know if there are any others.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 1, 2013

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Tom Y., seconded by Marilyn S., and carried.