

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
& TREE BOARD
MINUTES**

October 16, 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 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Tom Yaschen, Marilyn Sybolt, John Herzog, Sue Grimaudo, Wayne Nemeth, Marlene Herzog, Karen Floyd, and Chris Galatis for Richard Piekarski. Excused: Cindy Berry, Michele Ficht, and Richard Piekarski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Sue G., seconded by Marlene H., and carried to approve the Agenda for 10/16/2013 as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Sue G., seconded by Marlene H., and carried to approve the corrected Minutes of September 4, 2013 as e-mailed and attached.

OLD BUSINESS: **A)** Brain Storming for new ideas:

- 1)** Adopt a Spot - There was discussion about the cost of signs to identify those adopting a flowerbed and also to advertise those spots that are available for adoption.
- 2)** Wayne N. will do some research on sign companies that could do the job. Chris G. indicated the Township uses "Signs by Tomorrow" in Roseville as another possibility.
- 3)** John H. asked if the adoption spots could be put on the web page/facebook page and also in the Parks and Recreation Newsletter.
- 4)** "Adopt a Spot" Brochures are also needed for distribution at the Township Office.
- 5)** Marlene H. asked about pursuing the "sunflower" for next year or changing the choice of flower if need be. Then we could load up the Township with them at all the adoption flowerbeds. Tom Y. will look into better seeds for next year as only a few seeds grew this year. Tom Y. would like us to try one more year with the sunflower

before we consider changing to another flower like the black eyed Susan, etc. John asked if it is possible to get some sunflower banners to hang at the Township office or Historical Village?

6) Wayne N. asked if we could start asking businesses to adopt a spot? Chris G. indicated in his previous experience they had businesses donate to have a spot maintained. This is another idea worth consideration. The City of Howell was able to generate some substantial support for maintaining their flowerbeds. They were recognized with a small sign.

B). Status of Face Book page: Thank you Chris G. It looks great and will help with getting the news out. He will work in the "Adopt a Spot" information.

C). New Flyer /Pumpkin Carving Contest: Sue G. indicated that Saturday, the 19th at 3:30 p.m. she will start on decorations. Volunteers are needed by 4:30 p.m. She has the gift cards for prizes in the three age groups. She thanked those who donated candy to distribute. Our Committee will vote on the pumpkins by 6:30 p.m.

D). Tree Mulching Program: Wayne N. is working on a flyer about "Dos and Don'ts." This item will be tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

A). Tree Grant (Johnson Controls): Tom Y. secured a grant for 50 trees to be planted between 21st of October through the 5th of November. Johnson Controls will have volunteers to help.

B). Nominations for Office: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. Marilyn S. indicated that she regrettably needs to resign as a voting member for personal reasons but wants to remain as a "Member at Large." Marilyn S. wants to continue maintaining the Bulletin Board to which everyone agreed would be great. This leaves an opening for the Vice Chair. Wayne N. was nominated to replace Marilyn S. He was willing to serve. Tom Y. and John H. are willing to continue in their present offices. A motion was made by Marlene H, seconded by Sue G. and carried to approve Tom Yaschen as Chairman, Wayne Nemeth as Vice Chairman, and John Herzog as Secretary.

C. Bridge Decoration: A motion was made by John H., seconded by Marlene H., and carried to purchase 40 bows from the Historical Society at \$3:00 each. These will be used next year as Sue G. already has the bows for this year. Bridge decoration and cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th

at 10:00 a.m. Sue G. would appreciate help wiring the wreaths at her home during the week before.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE: Sue G. reviewed the BCSM program on September 26, 2013 where Tom Yaschen was honored with recognition and a plaque for the "2013 Outstanding Achievement Award for the 52 communities of Southeast Michigan."

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 6, 2013. There are no meetings in December and January.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.