

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE & TREE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2014 MEETING (Rescheduled from February 5, 2014)

Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM
Chesterfield Township Offices Building Department Wing (47275 Sugarbush)

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Yaschen at 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tom Yaschen, Wayne Nemeth, Sue Grimaudo, Marlene Herzog, Cindy Berry, Richard Piekarski, and Karen Floyd. Excused: John Herzog

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Cindy Berry, seconded by Sue Grimaudo, and carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2013 was made by Marlene Herzog, seconded by Sue Grimaudo, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Brain Storming for new ideas:

1. Cindy Berry presented an idea from a Michigan Township Annual Conference titled "Partnering for Parks." It included information regarding other ways to create park areas in the Township. Ideas included a Historic Barns Park and Botanical Gardens. Cindy suggested we start small but such could become a long term project which could partner with the Michigan State University Extension Center for Agriculture, Ecology, and Horticulture. Please refer to her handouts.
2. Tom Yaschen would like to write a resolution for recognition of our key volunteers for National Volunteer Week, April 6-12, 2014.
3. Sue Grimaudo suggested improving our "Adopt a Spot" Program by coordinating with some of the ideas presented by Cindy Berry above.
4. Wayne Nemeth suggested the Scouting Program be involved in service projects for our Beautification Committee. He also recommended we get Businesses to Adopt a Spot with financial support.

B) Facebook Page:

1. Please continue to send information to Chris (Rich Piekarski's Assistant)

C) New Signs: No action.

D) Tree Mulching Program Flyer: This draft of a public service flyer brought discussion to add a line to the second box indicating "flush cut stubs" after "Add mulch ring." (Adding pictures was discussed but too costly). Added to the bottom "visit our facebook page." Motion made by Tom Yaschen to have 1,000 copies printed, seconded by Wayne Nemeth, and carried.

E) Sunflower Seeds & Plantings: Marlene Herzog presented a report with ideas to research ways to share the sunflower theme with our residents and businesses and encourage both to display our official Township flower wherever possible. Motion by Tom Yaschen, seconded by Wayne Nemeth, and carried to authorize

Marlene Herzog to pursue the door hanger ad from GraphXink for \$250 in May/June along with a Garden Flag for a cost under \$10. to include Chesterfield Township and Sunflowers. Cindy Barry verified that shirts and garden flags can be sold directly to businesses for resale. Also, efforts continue to find a "hardy" perennial sunflower. F) Tom Yaschen needs all volunteer hours from the Committee members and/or donations for the October "Tree City, USA" documentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A). 2014 Beautification Week (May 11-18): Thank you Sue Grimaudo for again ordering the trees for distribution.
- B) Bird, Bat, Butterfly Contest 2014: 150 flyers will be printed.
- C) Review of December BCSEM Meeting: No one was able to attend. Dues are due as per usual.
- D) Membership: Tom Yaschen and Wayne Nemeth are working on additional Beautification Committee Members. They also encouraged "Members at Large" to become voting members if desired.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE: Sue Grimaudo recommended an ad in the Spring Flyer "Roots." She has also asked that a volunteer would take her position as Beautification Committee Historian. Tom Yaschen asked to be placed on the Township Agenda on March 3rd for a Beautification Committee Presentation.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 5, 2014

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.