

# CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE & TREE BOARD MINUTES

**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Regular Meeting at 7PM**

**Chesterfield Township Offices Building Department Wing (47275 Sugarbush)**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Those in attendance are the following: Tom Yaschen, Wayne Nemeth, Marlene Herzog, John Herzog, Al Meneghin, Christine Bell, Karen Floyd, and Richard Piekarski.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Marlene Herzog, seconded by Wayne Nemeth, and carried to approve the Agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Wayne Nemeth, seconded by Al Meneghin, and carried to approve the Minutes of the March 5, 2015 Meeting as e-mailed and presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A)** Adopt–A-Spot Signs (2015) – This year our goal will be to recruit more sponsors. Tom Yaschen will check with Sue Grimaudo to find out where the signs are from to make more for this year. The sign at Brandenburg Park has certainly held up well.
- B)** T-shirts, Bags, Garden Flags – Tom Yaschen has the fifty sun flower garden flags (and ten poles for an extra cost) and is working on a price list for all of our items for sale which includes t-shirts, sun flower bags, etc. More to come in this regard.
- C)** Parks & Recreation Dept/Summer Jamboree (Aug 2015) – Wayne Nemeth and Tom Yaschen went to the meeting and on May 8-9 will attend a “Made in Michigan” Conference in Mt. Clemens for more ideas. Activities the Beautification Committee will sponsor are as follows. Wayne Nemeth illustrated one “Kid” Activity to stand up a bottle or a “Bean Bag” Throwing Game for prizes. Al Meneghin explained another “Kid” Activity to grow seeds in a clear cup and other variations of that idea with different types of soil, etc. Tom Yaschen also wants to have a Michigan Game Fish Contest to name an official Game Fish for Chesterfield Township.
- D)** The Wall/Bench/Plaque (Tree City USA) – The Bench is here and will be placed in the Township Hallway along with the various plaques. Richard Piekarski will get a brass plaque made and would like suggested wording. This is the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of the Beautification Committee service to Chesterfield Township.
- E)** Membership/By Laws (Final Draft Vote) – Tom Yaschen reviewed the recommended Changes. Motion by Marlene Herzog, seconded by Wayne Nemeth, and carried to approve the Changes as recommended. Richard Piekarski will develop a letter to go with the Changes to the May Township Board of Trustees for final approval.
- F)** Bird, Bat, Butterfly House Contest 2015 – Tom Yaschen reported that there is interest in participation. More to come in this regard.
- G)** Trees/Flowers Beautification week – Tom Yaschen has ordered the trees to be distributed and reviewed the list. John Herzog ordered the flowers from Van Thomme’s Greenhouse for planting at the Township Office and at Brandenburg Park, etc.

They will be available by May 15<sup>th</sup> for the planting on Saturday, May 16. Also, the Tree give away is traditionally on the Thursday of Beautification Week.

**H)** Planting of 100 Donated Trees & Shrubs – Tom Yaschen will be setting a date in late April or May. More to come in this regard.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A)** Save The Monarch Butterfly Program - Tom Yaschen will have a proposal for Consideration at our next meeting.

**B)** BCSEM Quarterly Meeting (Mt Clemens) – St. Clair Shores will host in June. No Information is available at this time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:** Richard Piekarski was thanked for his years of service and particularly for his support and many “extra miles” for the Beautification Committee. He was very complementary for the current Committee members and what they have accomplished.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, May 7, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Al Meneghin to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Wayne Nemeth, and carried.