

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE & TREE BOARD MINUTES

September 8th

Regular Meeting at 7PM

Chesterfield Township Offices Building Department Wing (47275 Sugarbush)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tom Yaschen called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Tom Yaschen, Wayne Nemeth, Marlene Herzog, Anne Corona, Christine Bell, John Herzog, Al Meneghin, and Karen Floyd.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2016 Beautification Committee Meeting made by Tom Yaschen, seconded by Wayne Nemeth, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Save the Monarch Butterfly Way-Stations – Tom Yaschen explained these have been a challenge this year to keep watered; however, three of the stations are in at Brandenburg Park. Bushes and flowers are planted that attract Butterflies.

B) Art & Music Festival 26/27/28 Aug 2016 (Our Program of Rock Painting) A Review of the Youth Project indicated: 1) This was a very popular activity with over 100 rocks painted on Saturday; 2) Amanda Willard was wonderful to work with along with the supplies she purchased; 3) Jim Floyd purchased black river rocks which worked very well along with rocks donated by Meldrums; 4) The parents and kids were super; 5) The main concern was not enough volunteers to do the event. In the future it would need to be done with help from the Parks and Rec. Department; 6) Karen Floyd reported that representatives from Fraser were very interested and approached her about how it was done for them to replicate. 7) The activity was canceled on Sunday due to Marlene's health issues; 8) Overall, Marlene and Karen felt it was a wonderful success for next year if there can be enough help. 9) The Tent was greatly appreciated and essential for protection from the sun; 10) Also, the clear plastic aprons were a great idea but were adult size and a challenge to use; 11) Marlene will send pictures to Amanda Willard for the web page.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2017 BCSM Dec Meeting – The Committee concurred that we do not have Enough volunteer help available at this time to have a successful event in December of 2017. However, at each meeting we will begin discussing what needs to be done to organize another BCSM event with perhaps a target of Spring or Fall of 2018.

B. Excess Mulch Letter (Wayne) – The Committee agreed that the letter looked good and should be put into action. Al Meneghin suggested starting with the Landscape Companies followed by corporate offices.

(Also, excess mulching which kills trees could be a topic for a future BCSM Meeting.)

C. Weed Control at the Township Office – Tom Yaschen will talk with Don Coddington about spreading mulch after the flowerbed is planted next spring. The mulch must be acid based or hardwood mulch (like Wayne Nemeth uses) to prevent weeds.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE: - Wayne Nemeth will talk to Don Coddington about the crumbling Flower bed wall in front of the Township Office. No one is able to attend the BCSM Meeting next week in Brownstown. The December BCSM Meeting will be in Huntington Woods. Tom Yaschen asked who is interested in attending the Historical Committee's Fall Dinner on Thursday, October 27th at a cost of \$15 per ticket. Let's confirm by our next Meeting if we have enough once again for a Beautification Committee Table.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 6th 2016

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Tom Yaschen, seconded by Wayne Nemeth, and carried to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.