

Beautification Commission Minutes

May 19, 2021

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: All present, Sonja Perry, Susan Green, Robyn Shank, Jean Hatch, Brad Basar, Susan Harvey, also attending were Laura Shumate, and Marcus Evans. Ginny Dorner from the Garden Club attended

Approval of minutes: Motion by Shank and seconded by Green. A correction was made in the spelling of Ginny Dorner's name, from Jinny to Ginny.

Financial Report: No expenditures at this time

Community Garden Report: Robyn Shank reported that the crews were getting started and making plans. The split rail fence was removed by the Yuchasz Walk Through and Ginny will ask Marcus to spread the mulch.

Beautification Gardens:

Terrace Garden : Sonja heard from Kathy Wittbrodt, Green has also been contacted and she and Kathy will set up a time to meet

Chlorination Building: The plants look ok now, but we need to see what it looks like as we go forward
Kids Pond and Cedar Street Parking: The Weigela has been trimmed, Sonja and Jean planted Hosta's in the box garden (now the Hosta Box Garden) and it looks good, might need more and add a Blue Indigo to the lower box and check the sprinkler's. The public parking area by the businesses side has been trimmed and mulched. There will be some disruption here as 2 parking stations will be going in this parking area.

Triangle Garden: The water drip could be changed to a spray for more coverage for added plants

Traverse Street Parking: will need some cleaning out

Median Garden: comments were made that it looks great.

The Garden Club has formed a new Support Committee made up of 3 members, Robyn Shank, Paula George and Jane Stauffer. Pictures were sent to them to help us with ideas for plantings along Harbor Dr.

Old Business: We discussed and set up a time to do a walk-through of areas that need attention. We discussed additions and improvements. In attendance were Perry, Hatch, Basar, Shank, Harvey, Ragland, Shumate and Evans. A record of what we talked about was given to all of us. Lori in the Village Office has a copy, we were a quorum.

Report from Council: Laura Shumate reported. Harbor Days is on as usual at this time.

Sidewalk Ordinance- lots of discussion on sidewalk replacement. There is no sidewalk budget. At this time homeowners are responsible for 50% of replacement on nonessential sidewalks.

There is a Council member retreat on May 8, ½ of the members are newly appointed.

Miss Elk Rapids donated a Dwarf Hydrangea to the Garden Club and not the Beautification Commission.

There is an official form to be used in the future for Donations to be approved by the Village Council.

Laura gave us two printouts, a Village of Elk Rapids Zoning Code and a Policy Statement on the Acceptance of Gifts, Donations, grants, and Memorial Recognition Requests to the Village of Elk Rapid's.

Laura also stated that Trees and bushes to be planted should be native to Michigan.

Report from DPW: Marcus let us know that the bridge baskets are installed with soil and ready for planting. DPW took out the plants along Habor Dr.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Green nominated Sonja Perry to continue as Chairman, Basar seconded, all in favor, Vice Chair, Perry nominated Susan Green second by Basar, all in favor. Sonja appointed Susan Harvey to continue as Secretary.

Plans for Harbor Drive, Remove the Rose Bushes, add a couple trees and or plantings along the seating area ledge, for safety. We will go see Kathy at Zimmerman's to select some plantings.

Discussed Plantings for The Triangle Garden, Marcus and Sonja discussed trees for residents.

The Bridge Basket planting and tennis court Marigold planting date was settled on for June 5, 9:00 am at the Village Office Parking. Alternate date would be the next day Sunday, June 6 at 1:00.

Bridge Basket watering and fertilizing was discussed to help Jean out in a more efficient way. She does this every Sunday morning while the baskets are up and flowering.

Adjournment was made at 9:57 am by Green. The motion was seconded by Shank and all approved.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Harvey