**City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes**

**Date:** November 16, 2020 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

**Location:** Indian Trail Meeting Hall

**Quorum determined:** Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:00pm

**In Attendance:** Bonnie Bray, Nancy Disbrow, Margaret Fontaine, Sharon Lightbourne, Karen Pasquale, Ken and Lynne Geiman, Randy Jones, Tom Lombardi

**Absent:** Maria Lowther

**Guests:** Kate Singley

**Approval of October 19, 2020 Minutes:** Minutes amended**,** approved and seconded.

1. **Committee Reports**

1. **Native Plant Pollinator Garden(NPPG**): Kate

* NPPG is getting ready for winter.
* Certificate Of Appreciation, Monarch Waystation #31247.
* Numbers on the Human Sundial are Daylight Saving Time.
* Sharon and Margaret will do a winter scavenger hunt.
* Application for the Bee City Membership temporally postponed

1. **Communication Report:** Margaret

* $20 sweatshirts for sale will be advertised. To place an order, email Bonnie. Email will be in the “City of Southport Monthly Online Newsletter”.
* A photo of the Monarch Waystation Certificate included in December newsletter.
* Margaret’s photos of getting Xmas decorations up and around town will also be in the newsletter.

1. **Planting Planning:** Lynne

* A goal of planting plants with color in “busy foot traffic areas” is the plan.
* Locations deemed as most important for foot traffic is from Kingsley Park past Waterfront down to Yacht Basin.
* There are primary and secondary locations.

1. **Financial Report: Nancy**

* $880.64 spent to date.

2. **Old Business**

1. **Bylaw Amendments:** Bonnie

* Changes were reviewed and the committee will vote on the bylaws at the next meeting.

1. **Holiday Decorations and Schedule:** Randy

* Holiday decorating all on schedule.
* Virtual lighting is on November 27th.

1. **November Cleanup and Recap:** Tom/Lynne

* The area in front of Nick Kern’s lifeboat installation at the corner of Bay and Caswell streets was planted and mulched.
* Tom took pictures and sent them to Nick’s children.
* Lynne organized a tour of 12 stewardship sites to familiarize all with what the program involves. There are a total of 20 sites. She requested input for future planning/planting.

3. **New Business**

1. **Plant budget addition:** Bonnie

* Mary Friend asked to be included in the committee’s budget.
* $75 was approved for the plot she maintains at Howe and Bay streets.

**b**. **Lifeboat:** Bonnie

* $50 from the donation received last month in memory of Nick was approved for a plaque at the lifeboat installation honoring him.
* Committee will discuss at the next meeting what should be written on the plaque.

1. **December meeting:**  Bonnie

* December meeting cancelled.

4**. Adjourned:** 6:10pm **Next meeting:** January 18, 2021