

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: April 19, 2021 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Bonnie Bray at: 5:06pm

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

Absent: none

Guests: none

Approval of March 15, 2021 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Margaret Fontaine for Kate Singley

- Bee City application will be done for the fall.
- Money needed is \$300.00 for supplies/plants and \$100 for Bee City application fee.

b. Communication Report: Margaret Fontaine

- Margaret took and received great pictures for the April Workday. The pictures will be in the May newsletter.
- Margaret placed an ad in the newsletter for applicants to apply by May 15th for the open Southport Beautification Committee slots.
- For the June newsletter, Margaret will add pictures of what Tom Lombardi is building for the tops of the trash cans.

c. Planting Planning: Lynne Geiman

- Lynne reports that the student volunteers planted the jasmine by the pump house.
- There is still a low supply of plants at various nurseries.
- Next big project is the Fire Dept planters. Lynne will speak with the Fire Chief to get his thoughts.
- At the Coastal Water Way sign, dogs are urinating on the plants and they are dying. Ken suggested maybe we put them in planter boxes.
- All the grasses are coming back around town.
- Planting committee has spent a little over \$200.00 to date.
- Kingsley Park still needs plants.
- Lynne states that approximately 70% of the town is done.

d. Financial Report: Nancy Disbrow

- Current balance is \$1861.60.
- This money is our budget thru June 30th.

2. Old Business

a. Election of SBC Board Officers: Bonnie Bray

- Motion approved for Lynne Geiman to be President, Rob Thatcher to be VP, Karen Pasquale to remain as Secretary, and Maria Lowther to be Treasurer.

b. FY22 Budget Considerations: Nancy

- Add \$50.00 for Lynn Menches in the Legacy Steward column.
- \$50.00 to be moved from the \$400.00 mulch column for Lynn.
- Motion approved for the budget.

c. Update on New SBC Board Applicants: Bonnie

- As of this date, no one has applied.
- Bonnie will ask Lisa Anderson to please place an ad on the Southport Facebook page.

d. Garbage Bin Tops Update: Tom Lombardi

- Tom states that he has done one prototype for the garbage bins covers.
- Tom asked Ken if he can trim the bottom of the garbage bin doors due to moisture and rot.

e. Holiday/Christmas Tree Update: Karen Pasquale/Bonnie/Randy

- Karen placed an ad in the St James Newsletter called Just Judy asking for donations of artificial Christmas trees and the response was overwhelming.
- We organized a few trucks to pick up 6 pre light Christmas trees.
- All trees have been stored for the next holiday season.
- Randy says that we need to look at the Christmas tree wreaths due to lighting issues.
- Bonnie suggests that we reach out to various clubs and organizations for help. For example. electricians that may volunteer their time for fixing issues and rewiring.

- Bonnie asked Rob to contact BEMC and see if any electricians would be will to help.
- Sharon Lightbourne will take a wreath to Tyler Evans to ask his opinion and get an estimate on the cost of repair.

f. Additional City Dollars (Park's & Public Work's Budget): Randy Jones

- Randy suggests that maybe city dollars can be utilized to repair Christmas wreaths.
- Randy states that if SBC will provide the volunteers for the building of the garbage bin tops, he will present this project to the City Manager for city dollars.

g. Nick Kerns' Sign Update: Tom/Randy/Bonnie

- Nick Kerns' sign is ready as of April 21st.
- Nick's daughter Sarah, will organize a memorial.
- \$750.00 was donated by the family.
- So far \$200.00 will be spent on plants and \$250.00 for the sign.
- Tom will contact Sarah for the memorial date to take place in the summer.
- Nick's boat will be moved to Taylor Field in October.

h. April Work Days: Lynne/Ken Geiman/Bonnie

- Bonnie was present for the original April 3rd work day date.
- 10 people arrived on this date and a couple of students.
- For the April 10th workday, 23 people worked in the rain.
- Students planted the jasmine, JC building site was weeded and Kenny stained the Keziah Gazebo.
- Sharon asked that the plant sub committee's plans and choices be respected.

3. New Business

a. May Workday: Bonnie/Lynne

- Lynne suggests that we work on the staining of the Bay Street benches and benches at Keziah as well.
- Garrison lawn, JC building and Kiosk needs mulch.

4. Adjourned: 6.43pm

Next meeting: May 17, 2021