

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: May 16, 2022 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Lynne Geiman at: 5:01pm

In Attendance: Sharon Lightbourne, Karen Pasquale, Ken and Lynne Geiman, Robert Thatcher, Larry Ashley, Randy Jones, Margaret Fontaine

Absent: Joe Fikentscher, Tom Lombardi

Guests: Scott Bushman

Approval of April 18, 2022 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

Public Comment:

- Scott came to sit in the SBC meeting. He has been an active volunteer and would like to be a member of the committee.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Larry Ashley reporting for Kate Singley

- Approximately 20 people visited the garden on Naturefest day.
- Native plant “giveaways” were a hit.
- Thank you to Rob Thatcher for shuttling people to the garden.
- Book Box has been popular and Mary Friend suggested that we place pamphlets about native birds in the box.
- Kate will make up a new “scavenger hunt” for the garden.
- Workday planned for May 19th, Thursday at 8:30am
- Beginning the 1st week in June, there will be a watering watch schedule set up.
- Kate will send an email to Bee City inquiring about a bat box to be placed in the garden.

b. Communication Report: Larry

- Larry needs pictures of Naturefest Day.
- On the newsletter, Larry will have a link directing people who may want to apply for nomination to the SBC member committee.

c. Youth Outreach: Sharon Lightbourne

- Sharon states that there are 2 other groups from the high school that are interested in volunteering.
- Students will be back in the fall of 2022.

d. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Lynne states that most of the steward areas are planted.

e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Current balance is \$1217.92
- After further receipts are deducted, we will have approximately \$600.00 left for the remainder of the annual year.

2. Old Business

a. May Workday Recap, 5/7/22: Lynne

- 24 people attended the workday.
- Jailhouse getting better organized.
- Planting and weeding at Community Center, Garrison Lawn and Sub Fire Station, Ferry Roundabout.

b. Nature Fest, held on Saturday, 4/30/22: Lynne/Sharon

- Many people stopped by the SBC table.
- For next year, we should advertise that there will be events for children.
- Tents were borrowed from the Wooden Boat Show group.

c. Historical Board: Ken Geiman

- History Markers were found in the old Jailhouse dated circa 1978.
- Ken asked the Historical Society if we could reframe these markers.
- Once done, the Historical Society would auction them off and proceeds would be split, with the Society giving the SBC gift cards.
- Historical Society will pay for all the supplies for refurbishing.

d. Memorial Bricks: Ken

- Bricks with people's name on them will be placed in front of the Visitor Center by City workers.

e. Irrigation Update for Garden Spots: Randy Jones

- Lynne sent 5 sites to Randy of irrigation lines that need to be checked and possibly repaired.
- Randy sent the request onto the city workers.

f. Receipt of Board Applications: Randy

- All applications were sent to Tom Lombardi.
- Tom will interview all applicants with one board member present.

3. New Business

a. 4th of July Float: Lynne

- Approximately \$200.00 to spend on the SBC float.
- We are guaranteed a spot in the parade whether it be a float or trucks.

b. 2022 – 2023 Budget: Lynne

- Our annual budget is \$3,000.00.

c. Upcoming Workday – June 4th, 2022: Lynne

- Weeding and mulch at Waterfront Park.
- Sanding, staining and reframing of the Historical Boards.
- Finish cleaning out the old jailhouse.
- Staining the benches at Waterfront Park.

d. Volunteer Group from Durham – June 25th, 2022: Lynne

- A woman from Durham called the town stating that they are a group of volunteers from a youth church group, ages between 18 to 30.
- Approximately 100 people in this group.
- Wilmington will be the home base.
- They will be here on June 25th from 1 – 4 pm.
- Lynne recommends that they work in Wilmington and only possibility to help here in Southport maybe raking up leaves at the Smithville Cemetery.

e. Tree by Community College: Larry

- Community College has a fence that is falling down.
- Larry asks if we could help with placing new posts.
- Larry will check with the college and be responsible for the labor.

f. Any Other Business: Lynne

- Larry says that cars are parking too close to Nick's Boat.
- He asks that we should maybe put a curb around the area to prevent on possible damage to the boat.
- Randy will ask Tom.

4. Adjourned: 6.13pm

Next meeting: June 20, 2022