

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: June 20, 2022 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Lynne Geiman at: 5:03pm

In Attendance: Margaret Fontaine, Karen Pasquale, Ken and Lynne Geiman, Robert Thatcher, Larry Ashley, Joe Fikentscher, Tom Lombardi, Randy Jones

Absent: Sharon Lightborne

Guests: Scott Bushman

Approval of May 16, 2022 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Larry Ashley

- For the NPPG “pollinator week”, Kate will put pamphlets in book box.
- Volunteers will rotate days to water the garden.

b. Communication Report: Larry Ashley

- Nothing new to report.

c. Youth Outreach: Lynne for Sharon Lightbourne

- Nothing new to report.

d. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Mary Friend can no longer be the steward for the “pie” garden.
- Larry volunteered to water the plants until Lynne gets a new steward.

e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Current balance is \$1154.24 but after receipts, will be down to approximately \$718.00.
- The remaining balance will be spent prior to June 30th.
- Randy and Ken will do an inventory of our supplies to see what we need to purchase with remaining balance.
- Joe Fikentscher suggests that we purchase signs that say SBC to be placed at our steward sites.

2. Old Business

a. June Workday Recap – 6/4/22: Lynne

- Twenty people were present.
- Weeding and mulch was placed along the Garrison Lawn.
- Ken had a group of 10 people who sanded, stained and reframed the Historical Marker signs.

- The Old Jail sign was hung at the Visitor Center.
- Publicity for sale/auction of these markers will be thru the Historical Society.

3. **New Business**

a. **SBC Appointees:** Lynne

- Tom interviewed all applicants.
- Lynne and Ken Geiman, Rob Thatcher and Karen Pasquale were all re-elected for another term.
- Scott Bushman was elected for the 9th position on the SBC Board.
- Due to scam texts and emails, Karen will send the list of our board members to Tanya for the Southport Website listing only our names with no cell phone number or email information. This information will be only for our own internal use.

b. **July 4th Parade Day:** Lynne

- We have a float from the city of Southport.
- The Alderman and members of SBC will be on the float.

c. **Supplies:** Lynne

- Lynne presented a chart of bags of mulch needed per steward site.
- Approximately 168 bags of mulch per year.
- \$50.00 will be allocated for plants and 12 bags of mulch for the people tending Indian Head Trail. Motion made, approved and seconded.
- Tom stated that the city will supply the mulch for the Ferry roundabout as of June 2022.

d. **Budget:** Lynne

- New budget for SBC as of July 1st, 2022.
- All segments of SBC are fluid.

e. **Future Projects:** Lynne

- Ken will organize a 'walk around town' in the next month with all the SBC members to see what areas of the town need updating.
- Margaret Fontaine requests that a picnic table be placed in the playground by the Community Center.
- Brunswick Arts Council would like to create a mural to be placed at the public restrooms near Franklin Square Park.
- People are parking too close to Nick's boat. Tom will ask the city for curb stops.
- No workdays in July or August.
- Larry will place an announcement in the newsletter regarding no workdays for those months.
- No SBC meeting in August.
- Randy and Tom will get a shed for additional storage to be placed by the parking lot near the Visitor Center.

4. **Adjourned:** 5:58pm

Next meeting: July 18, 2022