

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: May 15, 2023, Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

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

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

Absent: None

Approval of April 17, 2023 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Larry

- Larry reports that there is a new replacement sign at the NPPG. It is 18 x 24 inches.

b. Communication Report:

- Nothing to report.

c. Youth Outreach: Sharon Lightbourne

- Nothing new to report.

d. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Lynne states that Kingsley Park still needs to be refreshed.
- Recycled lantana has been planted at John Smith Cemetery.
- Lynne purchased plants for the urns in front of the Visitor's Center.
- The area surrounding the lamppost by the Visitor's Center, is too low and the animals are destroying the plants. This area needs to be raised. Ken and Tom said that they may be able to redo and raise this area.

e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Current balance is \$2348.16

2. Old Business

a. Update: T-Shirts: Scott

- Scott brought samples, v-neck shirts for women and crew neck for men.
- SBC decided that volunteers that participate 3 plus times will get a shirt. Lynne will keep attendance.
- SBC thanked Scott for his wonderful help in ordering and obtaining the t-shirts.

b. Update: City Signs Painting Project: Ken

- Ken cleaned up the sign by Potters and is now ready for painting.
- SBC will paint the sign in John Smith Cemetery. Judy gave Lynne the paint.
- The city will trim the bushes that have overgrown the sign at the Smith Cemetery on Moore Street. We will then paint it.
- Marsh Walk sign may need updating. Randy states that over the next few years, the city hopes to update all signs that will be uniform in presentation.

c. Update Taylor Field Project: Ken

- Over 3 days, Ken organized a pop-up event of cutting and staining the wood for the picnic tables for Taylor Field.
- 9 people attended.
- Heather needs to look at the field and determine where the tables will be placed.

d. Update: History Market Auction 5/31: Lynne

- May 31st will be the day of the auction with the history markers displayed on the Garrison Lawn.
- The auction will take place approximately at 4:30pm and bidding online only on the Historical Society Site.
- Starting bid will be \$250.00.

e. Nature Fest 4/29 Saturday: Lynne

- Nature Fest was held at Taylor Field this year from 9am to 1pm.
- There were not as many people at the Fest as we expected.
- It may be better to have this fest at Franklin Square Park next year.

f. April Workday recap - 5/6/23: Lynne

- 16 people attended.
- Staining was done at the Garrison Lawn of the benches and swings.
- One post was forgotten and we will stain it at our next workday.
- Weeding was done at the fire house sub-station and the Ferry roundabout.

3. **New Business**

a. **June Workday – 6/3/23:** Lynne

- We will stain the last lamppost, garbage cans and picnic tables in the gazebo at Waterfront Park.
- Larry suggested that we replace the picnic tables because of their poor condition. He also asked if we can change the color of these new picnic tables.
- Randy said that we will need to keep the color the same as the other benches and swings for Waterfront Park to be uniform. Randy will speak with Heather regarding a possible color change.
- Randy said that maybe the newly built picnic tables could be placed at the gazebo instead of at Taylor Field. Randy will speak with Heather.

b. **SBC Term Limits and Open Spots:** Lynne

- Current members whose terms are not expiring this June, 2023, will now have a 3 year term limit.
- Lynne will ask Dorrie Dutton to send out a notice that two positions have opened up on the SBC.
- Applications will be online.

4. **Any Other Business:** Lynne

- Larry asked Randy for a 20amp power outlet to be installed on the side of the jail house.
- Sharon gave **kudos** to Ken for always setting up supplies and then cleaning up the locations after we do town projects.

4. **Adjourned:** 5:45pm

Next meeting: June 19 2023