

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: July 17, 2023 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale and Lynne Geiman

Location: Indian Trail Meeting Hall

Quorum determined: Meeting called to order by Lynne Geiman at: 5:00pm

In Attendance: Ken and Lynne Geiman, Robert Thatcher, Joe Fikentscher, Tom Lombardi, Randy Jones, Scott Bushman, Karen Pasquale

Absent: Larry Ashley

Guests: None

Approval of June 19, 2023 Minutes: Minutes amended, approved and seconded.

1. Committee Reports

a. Native Plant Pollinator Garden (NPPG): Lynne

- Nothing to report.

b. Communication Report: Lynne

- Nothing to report.

c. Youth Outreach: Lynne

- Nothing new to report.

d. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Rob planted two replacement plants at Kingsley Park.
- Lynne added “4th of July color” plants to Garrison Lawn along with a few extra flags.

e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Current balance is \$3,000.00.

2. Old Business

a. July Workday: Lynne

- No monthly workday is scheduled for July.
- SBC held a “pop up” event on 7/15/23.
- On this day Lynne, Rob, Ken and Joe stained the 4 swings and the posts across from the Waterfront Park.

b. Taylor Field: Lynne

- All benches and tables were finished and delivered to area under the shelter at the park.
- Heather, once again, extended her thanks to SBC for working on this project.

c. July 4th Celebration: Lynne

- Randy was thanked by the committee for a wonderful town holiday celebration. Randy thanked us for participating on the float.

3. New Business

a. Future Projects: Lynne

- We will have summer “pop ups” for staining benches and sign painting.
- Randy will have a data base on all the signs in Southport. He would like to keep the signs all similar - all one brand. He asked Lynne to work with him on the sign data collection.
- Picnic tables and benches on Bay Street need to be stained.
- Posts on Garrison Lawn all needed to be repainted.
- We need to come up with a plan for Oliver’s Parking lot section.
- SBC will draw up a proposal to give to Heather to replace the Caviness stage deck and railing.

b. Holiday Lights: Lynne

- Red and green lights for the Xmas wreaths have been ordered and delivered.
- Randy paid for the lights out of his budget.
- Lynne and Ken brought one wreath home to put in the new green and red lights to view as a sample.
- Ken will build a stand to hang the sample wreath.
- Our plan is to replace the lights on all of the wreaths, 2 to 3 weeks before they will be hung in Southport.

c. SBC applicants for Open Positions: Lynne

- Lynne will reach out to Dorrie to see who has applied.

d. Approval of Budget for 7/1/23 – 6/30/24: Lynne

- Budget approved and seconded by the committee.

e. Election of Officers for the New Year, 7/1/23 – 6/30/24: Lynne

- Election of Officers was approved and seconded.
- Lynne Geiman, President. Rob Thatcher, Vice President. Karen Pasquale, Secretary.

f. Any Other Business: Lynne

- No other business

4. Adjourned: 5:37pm

Next meeting: September 18, 2023