

City of Southport Beautification Committee Minutes

Date: March 18, 2024 Minutes taken by: Karen Pasquale

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, Larry Ashley, Joe Fikentscher, Karen Mosteller, Allayna Dail, Scott Bushman, Karen Pasquale, Karen Brennan

Absent: none

Guests: none

Approval of February 19, 2024 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. Planting/Garden/Steward Program: Lynne

- Lynne asked Karen Brennan to join her and Karen Pasquale on the Planting sub - committee.
- Allayna stated that currently there is no person available to water any potted plants at the Southport Community Building.
- Lynne stated that the Garden Club will take care of the plants at Keszia Park.

e. Financial Report: Lynne

- Current balance is \$1888.59 plus Historical balance \$1407.64

2. Old Business

a. March Workday, 3/2/24: Lynne

- 12 people attended.
- Jail annex was cleaned up. All rat feces were cleared out. We should go back to sanitize the floor.
- Per Allayna, the holes have been sealed up to prevent rats from entering the annex.

b. Kinsley Park: Rob

- Perennials were trimmed.

c. Nash Substation: Lynne

- Substation area was weeded

d. Ferry Roundabout: Scott

- Weeded and cut back perennials.
- Scott put a message on the City Facebook asking for mulch donations.
- Per Lynne, SBC maintains the Ferry roundabout but we do not purchase mulch.
- Allayna will let us know when the water is turned on and then we can wash the boat at the roundabout.

e. QR codes: Rob

- Rob will put up signs at our work sites on our Work Days.
- QR Code will be connected to the Sign-Up Page for SBC.
- We would like the signs to be vinyl.
- Allayna will see if the city printers can print on vinyl.
- If not, we will look to outsource.

3. UPDATES

a. Map Update: Joe and Scott

- Joe sent a message to the Rotary Club to see if they would want to take over the waterfront concrete map.
- Joe and Scott both feel that the map needs to be professionally cleaned and repainted.

b. Cleats Update: Joe and Scott

- The cleats have been repainted.

c. Nick's Boat: Joe and Scott

- This will be SBC's next project

d. Peace Pole: Joe

- The peace pole down at the waterfront needs to be cleaned up.

e. Town Tree Lights: Karen Mosteller

- At the moment, all town tree lights are cool "colored" lights.
- To replace all of the tree lights, it would cost approximately \$10,000 and SBC would decide on the color – warm or cool.

f. Waterfront Benches and Birds: Lynne

- Due to bird poop on the benches, SBC will plan to wash the benches once per month.
- Allayna says that there are signs that say "Do not feed the wildlife".
- Town will power wash the benches but SBC does not want the benches to be power washed due to erosion.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Waterfront Poles: Ken

- All 80 poles have been treated and repainted.
- Next Wednesday, the caps will be painted.

b. May Student Volunteers: Lynne

- Wood County Christian Academy in Williamstown, WV would like to come and have a service day in Southport.
- 18 HS senior students are coming on May 14th or 15th for community service.
- Allayna will see if she can get Southport tee shirts for the students with our SBC logo on them.
- Larry will write an article about this event.

c. April 6th, 2024 Workday: Lynne

- Scott asked Lynne to order \$400.00 of mulch.
- Allayna will ask Public Works to get an order to Lowes for the mulch.

d. Future Projects: Lynne

- Cleanup of the JC Building flower bed.
- Oliver's parking lot section.
- CWW waterfront sign.

e. NatureFest 4/27th: Lynne

- SBC will have a table at Taylor Field.

f. Any other Business: Lynne

- None

Staff Comments: Allayna

- Allayna received a primary request from Dorrie to fill in Oliver's lot that has small stones with cement.

Board Comments: Karen M.

- None

4. Adjourned: 6:03pm

Next meeting: April 15, 2024