

CITY OF BERKLEY

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

6:30 P.M. at Public Safety Building Conference Room (2nd Floor)

PRESENT: Dan Mihaescu (Chair)
Anela Mihaescu (Secretary)
Jeremy Coan
Charlene Kondrat
Danielle Seevers

IN ATTENDANCE: Eileen Steadman (City Council member)

OBSERVERS: Micah Bradley
Kathleen Bradley

ABSENCES: Wayne Atfield (Vice Chair)
Kim Wilt

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair welcomed Charlene Kondrat as a new member to the committee.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Report of the Chair
 - (i) Completed Spring Cleanup
3. Public Library Project
4. Oxford Towers Project
5. Clarks Garden Project
6. Gazebo Project
7. Tree Walk
8. Patrick Jay's Fundraiser
9. Garden Tou
10. Schedule of Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

The committee resolved to approve the agenda.

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - APRIL 10, 2019

The Committee resolved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record as printed.

2. REPORT BY THE CHAIR

(i) Completed Spring Cleanup

Thank you to everyone for helping last month at our annual spring cleanup.

NEW BUSINESS

3. PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT

The Committee has \$300 allocated from the DDA to planting flowers at the library. Committee members agreed on planting yellow, purple, and white petunias. Anela will purchase the flowers. Committee members agreed to plant the flowers on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Please bring any gardening gloves and small tools as needed.

4. OXFORD TOWERS PROJECT

Members previously agreed to have this park be the main project of the year. The park is located on Harvard Road between Berkley and Hamilton, by the tennis courts. During the Spring Cleanup event, members planted shade loving rhizomes around a couple of pine trees.

Members discussed possibly adding more hostas, coral bells, azaleas, astilbes, and ferns. Members agreed to visit the park by our next meeting to help discuss details of which plants to purchase and their location. Meanwhile, Anela will start gathering quotes from three local suppliers to have ready at the next meeting.

5. CLARKS GARDEN PROJECT

Dan touched base with Vivian from the DDA regarding the garden between Clark's and Odd Fellows Antiques store. The lot belongs to the owner of the antique store whom the DDA already approached about beautifying. The owner refused due to concerns of theft to his property. The DDA will keep us posted if the opportunity arises in the future.

6. GAZEBO PROJECT

Painting the gazebo was previously discussed in our last meeting as a possible project. Charlene mentioned Berkley Junior Women's Club does have some money set aside in their budget for the gazebo. Eileen discussed bringing up this project to the City Manager. Members agreed the maintenance and repair of the gazebo should

be done by the DPW. The beautification of it can be done by our committee in conjunction with the women's club.

7. TREE WALK

Volunteers will walk through the city streets to pass out fliers to homes without a tree in the easement of their front yard to encourage planting trees. Committee members agreed to have our annual Tree Walk Saturday, **July 13th**, at 9:00 a.m. Members will meet in the parking lot just north of the Berkley High School. Volunteers will break off into pairs/groups and canvas the city along assigned routes, passing out flyers to homes that currently do not have a tree in the easement of their front yard. Dan will team up with the Tree Board to coordinate our efforts. Anela will make an informational sign-up sheet for Micah to use in recruiting interested students from the high-school. The event will also be posted on our Facebook page.

8. PATRICK J'S FUNDRAISER

Members discussed having another fundraiser at Patrick J's again this year. Bob Bronstein, owner of Patrick J's, usually does a flat 20% donation for fundraisers. Sally Steadman is manager there. Chair will contact Sally to inquire more information, times, days, etc.

9. GARDEN TOUR

Dan discussed having a Garden Tour in our city. This would include about 5 volunteer residents who would like to showcase their beautiful garden. Committee members could sell tickets to the tour for \$5 as a fundraiser for our committee. Members agreed this can be a possible event in the future. This year members can get feelers and scope out people who may be interested and work on building a platform for next year.

10. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee agreed for the next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee to take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 commencing at 6:30 P. M. Location will at Public Safety Building Conference Room (2nd Floor).

11. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Anela Mihaescu (Secretary), May 9, 2019.