

CITY OF BERKLEY

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

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

PRESENT: Dan Mihaescu (Chair)
Anela Mihaescu (Secretary)
Micah Bradley
Jeremy Coan
Danielle Seevers

IN ATTENDANCE: Eileen Steadman (City Council member)

APOLOGIES: Charlene Kondrat

ABSENCES: Wayne Atfield (Vice Chair)
Kim Wilt

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

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Report of the Chair
 - (i) Tree Walk Report
3. Funding for Berkley's Tree Planting Program
4. Schedule of Next Meeting
5. Adjourn

The committee resolved to approve the agenda.

MINUTES

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

MOTION: Moved by Dan Mihaescu to approve minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion supported by Danielle Seevers.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voted by Micah Bradley, Jeremy Coan, Anela Mihaescu, Dan Mihaescu, and Danielle Seevers.

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

2. REPORT BY THE CHAIR

(i) Tree Walk Report

Historically, the Beautification Committee has teamed up with the Tree Board to help spread information on Berkley's Tree Planting Program. Volunteers came out to help with the Annual Tree Walk and hand out flyers to home owners to encourage planting trees. The walk was on July 13th at 9:00 a. m. at the High School parking lot. It was very successful with a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who came out. So far we have had a great response from residents interested in planting trees.

NEW BUSINESS

3. FUNDING FOR BERKLEY'S TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Committee members discussed the importance of having trees in a city. The price of a tree through Berkley's Tree Planting Program is \$130 per tree paid by the homeowner. There are several residents who are interested in purchasing a tree to plant in the easement of their property but cannot afford to do so. The committee members discussed using some of the budget from the Beautification Committee to fund planting trees for these residents. The city does not currently have a budget set aside for this cause. As of now, there are eleven residents who expressed interest in purchasing a tree but are unable to afford it. Thus far, Dan has collected donations from volunteers that would cover the cost for 8 of the 11 trees. This leaves three residential homes who are still in need of assistance.

MOTION: Moved by Dan Mihaescu to use part of the Beautification Committee budget to help fund the remaining three trees for the residents who cannot afford one if more donations are not received, totaling to no more than \$390.

Motion supported by Danielle Seevers.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voted by Micah Bradley, Jeremy Coan, Anela Mihaescu, Dan Mihaescu, and Danielle Seevers.

4. PATRICK J'S FUNDRAISER

Following up on discussion from last month, committee members discussed having a fundraiser after Labor Day to raise funds for the Committee. Dan will get in touch with either Sally Steadman, manager, or Bob Bronstein, owner of Patrick J's. Typically a flat 20% donations from proceeds from customers who attend at the agreed time will be donated to the organization.

5. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee agreed for the next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee to take place on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 commencing at 6:30 P. M. Location will be at Public Safety Building Conference Room (2nd Floor).

6. ADJOURN

MOTION: Moved by Anela Mihaescu to adjourn the meeting.

Motion supported by Jeremy Coan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voted by Micah Bradley, Jeremy Coan, Anela Mihaescu, Dan Mihaescu, and Danielle SeEVERS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

notes prepared by: Anela Mihaescu (Secretary), August 16th, 2019.