

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 13, 2021

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

In attendance: Scott Frush, Lynne Mosteller, Sally Hayes, Sharon Smith, Dotti Mack

Guest attendee: Jim Morche'

- 1) Agenda approved, no changes
- 2) Meeting minutes from March 2, 2021 approved, motion made by Sharon, 2nd by Sally
- 3) 2021 Seedling Giveaway – Discussed traffic flow and safety. Lynne shared that police will be watching Township Hall to monitor traffic backups and assist as needed. Adults monitoring traffic in the parking lot will wear neon vests, order form will be given to cars as they enter and ID will be checked. Scouts will assist with 'running' the orders to the fulfillment area and then return the bag to the waiting car. Directional signs will be needed to show Enter (from Sheldon) and Exit (at 6 mile). Anyone wishing to have more than 6 seedlings per car can return at 11 for leftovers. Any remaining leftovers will be handled by Northville Garden Club per Diane P. Information announcing the event will be posted on the Township website and Facebook page, Diane P has shared a flyer with the City for posting. Lynne will reach out to Julie to share info on Listserv and Northville record.
- 4) Donation update – Sharon proposed our urn and bench idea, Garden Club was receptive and Sharon will follow up with costs before their determination is made. Scott will check discuss this on Thursday at the Trustees meeting for their approval of our proposed additions to Township Hall. Sharon also met with a company to discuss help with restoring the living walls of the Bennett Arboretum Pathway. She is waiting for a written estimate from them and Garden Club donations may be allowed for this project as well. The company, named Plantwise, made suggestions for re-planting the wall and removing unwanted woody debris. Lynne shared that we don't want to make the same mistake that was made originally by planting too much that can't be maintained. The BC will continue to work on a plan for maintenance and for replanting some of the brick pockets and maybe filling some other pockets with mulch, not plant material. Plans will continue and BC hopes to begin planting some bricks by September 2021. Parks and Rec continues to be a good partner in our plans to create ongoing maintenance for the brick wall.
- 5) Budget update – Lynne proposed the following amounts for the total allocated \$3000 BC 2021 budget: \$500 for seedlings, \$600 for awards luncheon, \$200 for winter greens at the flagpole, \$100 for general supplies, \$200 for urn plantings, \$1000 for Friendship Garden, \$400 for reserves.
- 6) New business – none
- 7) Unfinished business – Friendship Garden – a sketch of proposed additions to the Friendship Garden (made by a volunteer from the Country Garden Club) was discussed by the commissioners. Sharon would like as many native plants as possible. Lynne added that all new plants must be deer resistant so as not to waste time or money. Other prior suggestions, made by Country Garden Club members, included the addition of a green composite material bench with a memorial plaque (that was originally planned for in front of the post office) that could be added to the east side of the garden along with a Little Library book sharing box. Commissioners liked the idea of the little library, mixed opinions on whether the green bench would blend with the concrete bench currently in place, maybe the green bench could be placed behind Township Hall. Suggestion was made to keep any additional benches of a unified material. Scott was concerned that we may have some residents not approve with specific content in donated books. Sally suggested that we use only garden books so we could avoid any disapproval from residents. Others suggested Northville history books would be a nice addition too. More to follow on this.

NEXT MEETING May 11, 2021 AT 1 PM