

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 1, 2021

In attendance: Scott Frush, Lynne Mosteller, Sally Hayes, Sharon Smith, Julie Mantay, Julianne Mundy

- 1) Agenda approved, no changes
- 2) Meeting minutes from May 11, 2021 approved, motion made by Scott, 2nd by Sharon
- 3) Annual Judging – Commissioners picked their judging areas. Julie will check with the City for their timeline on placing signs so that we can coordinate timing. Rene Wisely from Township Hall will help create website and Facebook posts for us. Lynne shared a draft of some of her initial suggestions, commissioners discussed additions and changes to the draft. Lynne will follow up with Rene and also reach out via email to past winners from 2018, 2019, 2020.
- 4) Donation update – Sharon reported no changes from prior month. Once we have finalized plans for the urn and bench project, Sally will write a Garden Club account check to the vendor of the urn. Julie Mantay and her family is donating 2 benches for the project. Garden Club meets again next week, Sharon will keep us updated with any additional funding for our proposed projects.
- 5) Budget update – Lynne purchased a small tree and several small perennials for the Friendship Garden from the allotted budget per our proposed Garden additions. Several Country Garden Club members joined Lynne & Julie to help plant donated perennials as well as the purchased plants. Lynne is currently pricing stepping stones for the mulch area between the parking lot and the sidewalk near the paver seating area. Two residents walked into the garden while we were planting and requested stepping stones so that they don't have to walk through the mulch to access the garden. Lynne assured them that was earmarked for this year's budget and we hope to have them soon!
- 6) New business – Dotti Mack has resigned from the Beautification Commission due to health issues. We will greatly miss her and appreciate all the hard work she has put into beautifying the Township over her many years as a commissioner.
- 7) Unfinished business – Friendship Garden is looking great with the new plant material additions.

Sharon and Lynne discussed strategies for finalizing the treatments and plants for the Bennett Arboretum retaining walls renovation. Sharon would like to save only nodding onion, wild geranium and will strawberry as they have proven to be the sturdiest plants from the original planting years ago. Lynne will follow up with Plantwise for their proposal to be shared and coordinated with Mark Gasche and Nate Reilly at Parks and Rec. Parks and Rec may be able to contribute mulch or soil and maybe help with spraying for weed control on the plateau area.

Urn and Bench project is on track to be done this year. Scott coordinated a meeting next week with Lynne and Todd Mutchler to discuss plans and implementation.

NEXT MEETING July 13, 2021 AT 1 PM