

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 2, 2021

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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

- 1) Agenda approved, no changes
- 2) Meeting minutes from October 6, 2020 approved, motion made by Julie, 2nd by Sally, Sharon
- 3) 2021 Seedling Giveaway – Suggested date April 24, likely 9 to 11 or until seedlings are gone. Lynne is waiting for the order form to arrive from WCCD. Sharon and Diane P from City BC will select seedlings, township share of the cost to be less than \$500. Lynne suggested an order form for each family, they will make their selection and volunteers will fill the order. This will keep everyone from touching the seedling piles and allow for distancing. Lora will obtain bags for seedlings if we don't find any in township storage. Julie will assist with a press release. We will share the information on Township and City websites, Northville Schools Listserv, Township Facebook, Northville Record and The Ville. The commission will continue to decide plans for a safe socially distanced giveaway and will finalize details at next meeting. Scott shared that Mark Abbo is interested in seeing how the BC can help encourage tree planting in the Township, more discussion to follow.
- 4) May meeting changed to May 11 due to a conflict with the clerk's office needing space for the May 4th vote.
- 5) Scott reports the BC budget for calendar year 2021 is \$3000.
- 6) New business – Winter greens at the Township Hall flagpole were a nice addition. Cost to the BC was less than \$200. Lynne suggested the BC make this an annual event. Scott shared that the trustees came together to bring back a decorated tree to the interior steps at Township Hall in December. All agreed it was nice to see it back for the public to enjoy.
- 7) Unfinished business – commissioners discussed ideas on how to improve the Friendship Garden. Lynne and Lora will be meeting with a garden designer from the County Garden Club some time in April to discuss plant types and locations.

Regarding the suggestion of adding urns and benches in front of Township Hall, the BC will continue to pursue the possibility. Scott will discuss with Township officials. Sharon shared the potential for a donation from the Northville Garden Club who received a generous donation that is to be distributed for beautification projects. The Garden Club is currently asking for project ideas on how to spend the donated funds and Sharon will share our urn and bench idea with them. Sally shared \$1500 cost for each bench similar to the benches in downtown, cost includes installation.

Scott shared a request that the BC do some sort of review of businesses and their beautification efforts and then make suggestions on how to make improvements. More discussion to follow on how to best implement this idea.

NEXT MEETING April 13, 2021 AT 1 PM