

Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Meeting opened at 7:06 p.m.

Present

Shelley Davis	Rodney Weeden	Jennie Stewart
Lyn Gordon	Clarence Cherry	Anthony Smith

Old Business

Jennie reported that she did not follow up on the replacement of the Klein Park sign.

Alderman Smith said he contacted the Mayor regarding the Boy Scouts making trash cans as an Eagle Scout project. The Mayor agreed that he will follow-up with the Boy Scouts.

Jennie reported on the Trash Bash held on March 19, 2016. There were over 43 volunteers registered. We had participation from Love in Action Youth and Missouri Division of Youth Services-Fort Bellefontaine Campus. MSD provided t-shirts, lunch and supplies. Lunch was provided at the Chain of Rocks Bridge. It was a good event with no problems.

New Business

Jennie acknowledged and thanked Alderman Smith for his support and his years of overseeing our Board. Other members also expressed their thanks.

Our next Beautification Action Day is Saturday, September 24, 2015.

Jennie said she has been talking with Angelia Rougeau and shared with the Board a draft of a flyer about a cleanup being held on Saturday, May 14. Ms. Rougeau is connected with Riverview High School and they had a successful cleanup day last year the brought out 250 volunteers. Ms. Rougeau is interested in teaming up with us so that more of the Bellefontaine Neighbors can be covered. They only picked up litter on Shepley and Lilac last year. Jennie asked the Board if anyone was interested in participating. Jennie said it is a great idea and we should introduce it to our Board of Aldermen and talk it up to get additional volunteers. We would like to get students at the elementary level as well as high school students involved in cleaning up; maybe get them to "Adopt a Street".

Jennie made comments regarding the Housing Resource Fair that was held on April 6. Alderman Smith speculated that an accident that affected traffic right at City Hall could have been a factor in the low attendance. Despite the low turnout, Alderman Smith said participants had good interaction with the vendors. He also talked to participants about the Summer Beautification Contest.

The Board thanked the Parks Department for cutting the Ornamental Grasses on The Hill. Plans are to buy flowers for planting next month. We will continue to plant potato vines in the fountain, but will possibly do a different flower arrangement on top layers. Jennie said it would be a good idea to clean the flower beds out in the next couple of weeks before planting. April 15 was suggested. Jennie will check into borrowing a hedger from City Hall so scrubs can be trimmed. Jennie said that

Bob Bost offered to help and she plans to reach out to him. We will plant flowers at City Hall on Tuesday, May 17 at 9 a.m. We will judge houses during the week of June 12. This will replace our regular 7 p.m. June meeting.

Jennie will reach out to Mark at City Hall to put bricks around the sign at 270 and Lilac.

Jennie will look into getting information put in Bellefontaine's newsletter announcing the Summer Beautification Contest and letting residents know they can call City Hall if they want their homes judged as well as announcing that additional members are needed to sit on the Board.

Shelly said that we should come up with a specific plan to involve the youth in cleaning up. Perhaps some type of teaching tools/workshop. Alderman Smith said that Officer Owens will be in charge of the youth summer workshop and it was suggested that Shelley reach out to him.

Parks and Recreation Action Items

- Replace stones on the Hill.
- Benches in front of Recreation Center need to be replaced with benches similar to the ones on The Hill.
- Replacement of railroad ties at the Flower Bed on 270 and Lilac

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.