

Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Meeting was opened at 7:14 p.m.

Present

Jennie Stewart	Rodney Weeden	Shelley Davis
Lyn Gordon	Clarence Cherry	

Jennie distributed Bellefontaine Neighbors polo shirts to Board Members and thanked the Mayor and City Officials.

Old Business

- Our next Beautification Action Clean-up Day will be Saturday, September 24, 2016. We will meet at Rec Center at 9 a.m. Alderman Fields has put the information on Nextdoor Bellefontaine. Missouri Hills Youth will participate. Jennie commented that she has been unable to connect with Angelia Rougeau from the Riverview School District.
- The clean-up day on The Hill is set for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 9am. Missouri Hills Youth will be there to help. Water will be provided. Clarence stated that he had removed some of the shrubs and weeds from the flowerbeds. The Board was reminded to bring their own tools and to make sure they are marked. The weeds will be sprayed with Roundup prior to October 11. Mark Dickerson's department will provide additional tools, a vehicle to dispose waste and will restack the stones (until they are replaced with new stones) once the flowerbeds are cleaned.
- Jennie asked for an update on the Board's participation in the Youth Camp next year with Officer Dave Owens. Shelley Davis will contact Officer Owens.
- Summer Beautification Award Signs – The Board talked about examples of wording that has been used on Award Signs in other municipalities. The Board agreed that a Business Beautification Award should be also presented on a regular basis. Jennie will reach out to Shirley Paro regarding possible vendors that could create a sign.
- The benches in front of the Recreation Center have been restored.
- Shelley expressed concerned about the upkeep of the area around the sign on Bellefontaine Road near Broadway. Grass and weeds are out of control.
- We discussed trash cans at the bus stops and who we can call to empty overflowing ones. Jennie suggested calling City Hall when trash cans need to be emptied.

New Business

- Jennie informed the Board that the Summer Beautification awards will be giving out at the Town Hall meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Board will give out litter bags and flyers.
- Items for the November edition of Bellefontaine News must be turned in no later than the middle of October. The Board suggested the following information: Christmas Beautification Awards, the need for volunteers, and the upkeep of residence property in regards to litter, grass and leaves.
- It was mentioned that city workers are leaving grass clippings on the sidewalks when they cut grass on vacant properties which is setting a negative standard for residents.
- Metro Adopt-A-Stop Program. Jennie mentioned that this program is similar to the Adopt a Highway Program but instead of adopting part of the highway or an exit, a person could adopt a Metro Bus Stop. The Board

discussed ways in which the program could be promoted in Bellefontaine including through Bellefontaine News, Nextdoor Bellefontaine, speaking to residents that have homes next to a bus stop, speaking about it at an Alderman Meeting and Town Hall Meeting. It was also suggested that the Board adopt a bus stop. Information about this program is on Metro's website.

- Leo Gordon who was in attendance expressed interest in becoming a member. Jennie said she would speak to the Mayor.

Parks and Recreation Action Items

- Replace stones on the Hill.
- Replacement of railroad ties at the Flower Bed on 270 and Lilac

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.