

Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:05pm.

Present

Bob Bost	Clarence Cherry	Shelley Davis	Margie Cook	Lyn Gordon
Rodney Weeden	Jeannette Bost	Jennie Stewart	Anthony Smith	

Jeannette opened the meeting with a request for any old business. Margie reported that the bushes at Friedens Cemetery needs to be cut down.

We adopted the same 2012 water schedule for 2013. Bob will change dates and distribute.

Clarence and Bob plan to put in a boxwood near Bill's Market.

Alderman Smith reported that the trash can in Bissell Hill that the Boys Scouts donated was set on fire and destroyed along with several others along Chambers towards Hallsferry. The trash can was replaced with a plastic container.

Jeannie had three items she wanted to address:

- Letter drafted in 2012 to local businesses – Jeannie suggested that we revise the letter and send it out to businesses and ask them to participate in our Beautification Action Day on April 27 by cleaning around their area and possibly planting plants and flowers. She mentioned that we could get addresses from City Hall and stuff envelopes as a group and prepare for mailing. Bob said that City Hall actually sent out the letters last time.
- Flyer – she still has copies of the “Help Keep Our City Clean & Beautiful flyers available if anyone who would like to pass out to their neighbors.
- Wanted to know when augmented grass would be cut down on the Hill. Bob said he would do it on Friday afternoon if weather permitted.

Clarence asked if any thought had been given to what plants and flowers we plan to use this year and where we plan to purchase them. It is likely that we will use the same two vendors as last year. The following are suggestions for planting this year.

- No dwarf size flowers in bottom of fountain this year, just sweet potato vines.
- Change second tier flower to begonias.
- Purchase mulch for plants in front.
- At front door, plant annuals and some perennials so we can have plants in spring, summer and fall.

Jeannie said that there is a need to dig out the liriopie on the Hill. She suggested that we donate the excess.

The budget will remain at \$500 for 2013. No additional funds needed since the hoses are still in good shape.

Alderman Smith says that we will continue to highlight the city this year. Bellefontaine will be hosting a Housing Fair on March 27, 2013. The Police Department will have a table and he has asked the Beautification Committee to come and display pictures showcasing the city. The following is the schedule everyone agreed upon.

4:30 – 5:30	Jeannie and Clarence
5:30 – 6:30	Margie, Shelley and Rodney
6:30 – 7:30	Jeannette and Bob

Alderman Smith would like to hold some type of contest to design a t-shirt focusing on “Why I Love Bellefontaine”. We should come up with some ideas and guidelines for the contest.

It was noted that some businesses are doing good keeping their property clean.

Jeannie asked about the remaining downed trees in Wilderness Park. Alderman Smith thought that all clean up was complete, but will check on it.

Shelley asked if any more thought had been given to an additional award to winners of the spring and Christmas house judging. Passes to the swimming pool or miniature golf was suggested.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.