

Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

Present

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

Mr. Melvin Williams stopped by the meeting to discuss the community garden he wants to cultivate this year on Maris behind Doherty Park. He said he had permission from the Mayor but was looking for something in writing. He was told that the Image and Beautification Board could not give him a letter, but Alderman Anthony Smith said he would talk to the Mayor.

Several questions were asked. 1. Who would be allowed to use the garden?, 2. How is it being promoted? and 3. Will guidelines be published? Mr. Williams said the garden would be open to Bellefontaine residents, but this year he wanted to prep/cultivate the land using organic chemicals and didn't want residents plotting areas right now. However, he would love the Image and Beautification committee to be involved this year. It was also asked if the garden would be fenced in. Some committee members who had a garden in front of Riverview Gardens High School sited issues because they did not have a fence. Mr. Williams said that the Mayor agreed to assign officers to patrol the area while doing their paperwork.

The issue of Christmas Decoration contest was brought up once more due to it again appearing in the Bellefontaine News as "Holiday Decorating" Awards which is unacceptable. The issue will be addressed again at the next Aldermanic meeting.

Bob announced that he will ask the Mayor to remove Martha Douglas from the Image and Beautification board.

Jeannette and Bob reported that they cut grass on the Hill. They said the shrubs still look good.

Jennie said she picked up trash at the eastbound 270/Bellefontaine exit on 3/7 & 3/10. There were 21 bags of trash. The Highway Department will remove the debris clogging the drains at 270/Bellefontaine.

Jennie noted that the stone around the flowerbed near Bill's Market is broken. Bob and Clarence said the driver of the snowplow hit and broke the flowerbed; they should repair the stone.

Jennie passed out flyers to a couple of businesses on Bellefontaine Road and asked them to help keep litter picked up in front of their businesses. It was requested that letters be sent out to businesses again this year asking them to keep the front of their property free of litter.

It was noted in the meeting that there is a considerable amount of trash along the embankment of 270 in North County. It was requested that calls be made to MODOT requesting that litter be picked up. Bob said they are scheduled to mow six times this year instead of four.

Bob noted that county workers are using a brush hog in North St. Louis County to cut branches and they are falling in the sewers. Need to find out why they are doing it here when they said they only use this in the rural areas.

A question was asked about homes with storm damaged still not being repaired. Alderman Smith said that should be addressed to Ted Stocker as he may know the situation regarding the individual home. Downed limbs as a result of the storm will be picked up. Limbs should be placed inside or on top of trash lid.

Action Item

- Replace stones on the Hill
- Replace wooden bench in front of Recreation Center – looking shabby
- Plant four (4) boxwoods in front of Tanglewood Park sign

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.