

Minutes of Northville Beautification Commission Meeting
September 9, 2014

In attendance: Tomiko Aoki, Koaki Beyersdorf, Jim Gallogly, Bob Hayes, Sally Hayes, Julie Mantay, Liliana Miyahara, Donna Moak, Diane Pittaway, and Janet Young

Guest: Nadia Golinski

Julie welcomed everyone, including Nadia, a potential new member.

Minutes: Changes or corrections? Bob moved the minutes be accepted as written, Diane seconded. Motion carried. Minutes are approved and will be sent to Michelle, Dianne, and Sue.

Treasurer's Report: Sally had nothing to report.

Deadheading Schedule: Pat has been ill and not able to make a new schedule. So we will use the first week (shown as completed) of the August schedule for the next week. Nadia will help Donna do the front of the City Building, so that everything looks great for the Victorian Festival.

Eight and Center: Bob and his friend, Frank, helped clean up this area. Thanks to both of them. Bob will ask Frank to join our group.

Beautification Award Signs: Donna will work with Rick Hoffman (our sign maker) to design a special "Best in Town" sign for next year.

Well Area: There was a nice article in the *Northville Record* about the well area. Diane is going to get this area finalized. She really appreciated the help of the DPW workers. We need to plant six small cypress bushes, which she tagged at Christiansen's. She needs a couple people to help place them on Thursday, September 18, at 9:00. Bob, Tomiko, and Liliana will help her with this area. Jim will have his workers bring some more mulch over.

Beautification Awards - Diane is working on tweaking the judging for next year. She will bring this up to discuss during the October meeting.

DPW Appreciation - Now that the cider mill is open, Janet and Pat will get cider and donuts for the DPW to thank them for all that they do for us in the next couple of weeks.

Utility Boxes - All of DTE has been done. Jim will have the City boxes painted soon. Then he will concentrate on the phone and cable companies. Having them all one color and freshly painted will be a big improvement; it already looks better. Thanks to Doug for proposing this.

Construction - Following is an update on various construction projects within the City:

The dam project at Mill Race Village has been ongoing this summer and is about two to three weeks from completion. When completed, it will look nice and be safer.

Hutton Street - This street will get new sewers and the road will be completely redone before fall.

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Center Street north of Amerman School was just completed. It looks very nice and tidy, and the school put in an improved traffic flow in and out of school.

North Wing Street to Randolph will be resurfaced and curbs and sidewalks done.

Northville Estates - A couple courts are being done.

Eight Mile from Taft to Beck has been completed, including a sidewalk and bike lane.

7 Mile was just finished and striped last week.

Southeast Michigan Beautification Commission - Will anyone represent us at the Southeast Michigan Beautification Commission? Doug and Jacque normally go but are unavailable. Jan and Sally and, possibly, Diane will go.

Julie thanked everyone for all of their support. Julie is stepping down as Chair. Diane has agreed to take over as Chairperson of the Commission. She will do a fantastic job! Julie has enjoyed heading up the Commission. Bob moved that we approve Diane as the new Chair of the Beautification Commission, Janet seconded. The motion carried. Julie said that she will do whatever she can to continue to help our group. Diane said she will do her best and appreciates the wonderful job that Julie has done.

Award Luncheon Details - The luncheon is set for Tuesday, September 30, at noon at the First Presbyterian Church. We need help setting up at 10:30 a.m. Should we do linen tablecloths for \$9.00 per cloth? We agreed to have linens on the tables for a nicer look. We need someone to pick them up and get place them on the tables before the catering begins putting the silverware on; Diane agreed to pick up. Julie will call Kelly at First Presbyterian for timing on when we can get in there to decorate.

The mums for the luncheon normally were ordered from Dinser's (who is no longer in business); last year we purchased from Brainers and, they didn't seem to be as nice. This year Julie found Meyer's Flower Land out of Brighton to be a good source of mums. We use mums as centerpieces on the tables and then give them to those to whom we give special recognition. The cost of the mums is split with the Township. Michelle sends out invitations and if they fail to RSVP, we call them.

Doug is working with Angela Carson whose business won the "Best in Town" to make certain she attends the luncheon to receive this special honor.

The Township will prepare the program. We will be certain to include a special thank you to Trader Joe's in the program for allowing Mabby to take the photos of our award winners on Trader Joe's time.

Photos for the luncheon - A PowerPoint presentation will be done by Michelle Nabonzny. If anyone has any other photos from our plantings, activities, etc., please get them to her to include in this presentation.

Donna prepared and brought to our meeting the sign-in sheets, name tags, pens, etc.

The certificates are being prepared by Michelle. Sally will pick them up to take to the luncheon.

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Since last year one of the City's award winners (Asher's) had the photo taken for *The Record*, this year it will be taken at one of the Township's award winner locations.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 6, at 8:00, at the City Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Moak