

**City of Northville Beautification Commission Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017**

Due to lack of a quorum (minimum of six), an informal informational meeting was held. No issues could be voted.

Attendance: Nadia Golinski, Gary Haas, Yumi Kudo, Julie Mantay, Diane Pittaway,
Jim Gallogly

Guest: Suemarie Klimek

Absent: Doug Bingham, Sally Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Callie Milroy, Liliana Miyahara,
Terry Snyder

September Minutes: Approval must wait until April 2018

Treasurer's Report: TBA April 2018

Southeastern MI BC: Next luncheon meeting will be Dearborn Dec 14. Callie & Diane
plan to attend. Contact Diane if you can join them.

Diane suggests that we think about hosting one of the meetings
in the future perhaps with Township BC.

Project Reports:

Eight Mile/Center St: Thanks to Terry, Gary, Nadia, Nachi, Yumi, Liliana, Diane,
and DPW crew Matt & Adam the area was cleaned up and
refreshed with mulch. Weeds in the brickscape remain a
problem. Jim explained that no one has certification to
apply glyphosate product.

City Hall: Nadia & Diane will be cleaning up lily bed and applying fresh mulch.
Jim will request crew to prune ornamental tree on west side of entrance.

Rural Hill: Shrubs planted have survived well with help of DDA watering. Diane will
apply fresh mulch soon.

Rotary Park: Guy Bardsley of Rotary will be scheduling a fall clean up with members.

2017 Luncheon: Thank you to Julie, Sally, Yumi, Liliana, and Nachi for preparation and
set up. Thank you especially to Callie for an outstanding scrapbook
which will be keepsake for our 50th anniversary.

Suggestions for next year:

Send via email all photos to Gary. He will have them printed for Callie.

A greeter at the door who will welcome and direct guests to the sign in.

(Very few attendees signed in this year.)

Person in charge of napkins will also keep sign in clipboard, sheets, and
name stickers.

Someone to prepare powerpoint or assist

Someone to help with RSVP contacts so that fewer no-shows can be
avoided to save on expenditure

2018 Plans: Seedling Give-away will be Sat, April 21st from 9-11 am. Township BC organizes event and we help advertise and hand out seedlings day of. Callie will be contact person.

Plans for preparation for the July 18 parade will be organized by Callie either prior to or announced at April meeting.

Diane shared an idea for creating a professional pamphlet explaining & advertising our awards program. The evaluation form can be printed on the inside. Gary will help with photos. Jim suggested that Michelle Massa will be a valuable resource. Diane may be contacting some members to help with the design & wording before presenting for approval.

Everyone liked the Township's idea of giving window clings to award winners. Julie or Diane will get information from Mary Jo for future discussion.

Jim recommended that we focus effort to recruit more members from award winners. Julie suggested a letter to the editor. Current members are encouraged to invite personal contacts to meetings. We look forward the appointments of Suemarie Klimek and Julie Munday.

Diane will be meeting with Lori Ward to determine the flower order. Our ideas are that the triple barrel plants be the same except a more trailing sweet potato. For single barrels, a larger diameter combination will be needed, a fuller rounded shape, and an alternative yellow flower. The red, yellow & orange pallet has had favorable response. Suemarie suggested adding blue. This will be discussed with Lori.
Red begonias in front of City Hall will be switched to pink due to hydrangeas.

Diane plans to implement Callie's suggestion for planting sedum ground cover in Long's back parking area in May.

Other Announcements: Diane requests everyone reply to her individually to emails rather than "reply all" so that we will be in compliance with meeting regulations for commissions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM GALLOGLY for his coming retirement in January after 23 years as Northville's supervisor of Department of Public Works. Chris Portman will supervise both the Township's and City's DPW. Jim is making a list for him and Beautification Commission is at the top! (or near)

We will miss our staunch supporter but cannot begrudge Jim of enjoying his retirement home in Indiana on an inland lake.

2018 Meeting Dates: Meetings will be first Monday of each month except for holidays. Our meeting time will be changed from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

Please mark your calendars for April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, Aug 6, Sept 10, Oct 1