

City of Northville Beautification Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2018

Attendance: Sally Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Suemarie Klimek, Yumi Kudo, Julie Mantay, Callie Milroy, Liliana Miyahara, Diane Pittaway, Amanda Serpelloni

Loyd Cureton, DPA Supervisor

Guest: Julie Mundy

Absent: Doug Bingham, Nadia Golinski, Gary Haas, Terry Snyder

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. Diane welcomed our two new members, Suemarie and Amanda.

Minutes of the April 2nd meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Invoice for shirts has been submitted. Amount for Seedling Give-away will be available at June meeting.

SEMBC: Callie attended April luncheon. Various vendors presented environmental products. She tried to rent goats for conservative grazing from City Girls' Farm for a Rouge River clean up but they were not available. Goats eat garlic mustard and phragmites. Next luncheon is June 21st in Southfield. Callie and Diane urged others to consider attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

Seedling Give-away had given away all seedlings by 10 a.m. We were pleased to be able to select varieties. We discussed suggestions for improving distribution for 2018. More supervision is needed for limiting the number of one variety residents can take. Also, a goal can be to provide more instruction/education for each variety of seedling.

The draft of the Awards Program pamphlet was passed around. Some editing is still planned. Consensus was favorable with recommendation to proceed with getting it ready for printing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Suemarie and Callie will oversee plans for July 4th parade participation. Diane had submitted registration form and fee. Suemarie advised that as many as possible should attend for positive effect. Township BC and garden club members are invited to join us and all family and friends, especially the paparazzi husbands.

The planting schedule was distributed with no changes to it as of this meeting. Some changes or switches may be emailed to all before the planting dates. Loyd also received a schedule for him and Terry Ahola for the help we will need from DPW crew in advance of the plantings. Diane will provide Lori Ward with our schedule.

Plants for the single barrels will be single plants arranged for cupcake effect in colors of red, yellow, and orange. Triple barrels will be planted with the same plants as last year with a substitution for the yellow flower. Pink begonias have been ordered for City Hall to blend with the hydrangea. White New Guinea impatiens are ordered for Rotary/well site for which Rotary will reimburse. Allen Terrace flowers will be ordered to correlate with the city color scheme. Prielipp will still be the vendor for Hutton & Main. Flowers for Center St. are to be changed to correlate with City colors.

Flowers for Allen Terrace and City Hall may need to be stored. Suemarie offered her yard if space is needed.

Center Street remains a hazard. Diane will meet with Terry A. to discuss how the space between the two end plantings can be cleaned up. She will arrange with him to get vests and cones and will call police dispatch as last year for police support with traffic.

Eight Mile & Center: Weeds in the pavers remains the consistent problem. Callie volunteered to take training for certification for chemical applications if the Commission will pay the cost. This would be a valuable asset for us and details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Griswold Street sign: A design and assessment of what is needed to renovate the sign and planting area are needed before any improvements can be started.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:30 a.m.