

Hiram Community Beautification Commission

Special Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Rosser Municipal Building

11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

May 30, 2019

Beautification Members Present: Dan Brokos, Chair
Debra Blake, Hiram Township Representative
Michael Greenwood, Village Council
Representative

Absent: Denny Taylor, Hiram Public Gardens
Lou Bertrand, Mayor
Chris Szell, Village Representative
James McGee, Village Administrator
Ed Frato-Sweeney, College Representative

Official Recorder: Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present: Village residents: Robert Faber and Ellen Eckhouse

General: Dan Brokos called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Michael Greenwood passed out a list of trees recommended for urban street planting. The OIAA Tree Academy is scheduled for July 16 – 17, 2019. The general goal of the course is to instruct communities how to generate their own tree plans. Debra Blake asked if this information would enable a community to develop a 5 to 10 year plan. Michael thought that should be possible. A discussion regarding soil testing and a suggestion that each member compile a list of trees or shrubs they believe would be appropriate and bring it to the next regular meeting.

It was agreed that any decisions be made after participants finished all of the OIAA classes for the Tree Academy certification (four two-day class sessions). Debra stated the goal of attending these classes is increase attendees knowledge and to be able to use that information effectively.

Michael suggested that once a plan has been compiled the Commission hold a public meeting to discuss the plan with and get feedback from the public.

Wendelin will forward this information to the Portage County OSU Master Gardener Program, and Garrettsville council members.

Debra Blake motioned to adjourn the meeting, Michael Greenwood seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Dan Brokos, Chairperson