

# Hiram Community Beautification Commission

Meeting Minutes

Rosser Municipal Building

11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

**January 17, 2019**

**Beautification Members Present:**

Dan Brokos, Chair  
Debra Blake, Hiram Township Representative  
James McGee, Village Administrator  
Michael Greenwood, Village Council  
Representative

**Absent:**

Denny Taylor, Hiram Public Gardens  
Ed Frato-Sweeney, College Representative  
Chris Szell, Village Representative

*present*

**Official Recorder:**

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

**Others Present:**

**General:** Dan Brokos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of October 27, 2018. Dan Brokos made a motion to accept the minutes. Debra Blake seconded. Motion passed. Debra Blake reported that ten (10) trees have been planted at the township cemetery. She has had several positive comments regarding the plantings.

**Guest and Public Comment:**

**Old Business:**

- A. Signage – James is still researching signage for the Village.
- B. Cemetery - Tree maintenance was put on hold due to the extremely wet weather last fall.

**New Business:**

- A. Tree Removal - Dan was not able to attend the Village walk through in February. James explained the need to remove a number of trees in the Village due to sidewalk and curb damage caused by roots or oversized trees. James went over the current Village Ordinance regarding trees. James will be having a discussion regarding Section 909 of the current Ordinance with the Village Council. He will also explain the need to go out to bid for tree removal services before the Sidewalk Project begins. A list of trees needing to be removed in the Village was presented. Most of the trees on the list are related to the Sidewalk Project. A few trees listed need to be felled because they are dead or dying. James passed out a statement from the Arborist. He also stated that a tree survey supposedly exists, but he cannot find it. Debra Blake suggested the Commission do an annual Village walk through. Michael Greenwood stated he would be willing to put together a list of trees that would not cause sidewalk/curb damage or grow into the utility lines.

The next meeting is set for April 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:

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Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

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Dan Brokos, Chairperson