

Hiram Community Beautification Commission

Meeting Minutes

Rosser Municipal Building

11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

March 05, 2015

Beautification Members Present:

Kathy Schulda, Chairperson & Township Trustee
Denny Taylor, Hiram Public Gardens
Daniel Brokos, Township Resident
Bob Wood, Village Administrator

Official Recorder:

Rosemary Yukich, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

Kathy Schulda called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of January 22, 2015. Bob Wood made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kathy seconded.

Considering eliminating the small committees, Denny Taylor said they haven't been functioning for a long time. Bob Wood agreed. Bob made a motion to dissolve all sub committees and have this Beautification Commission be the only Committee. Denny seconded. All voted aye.

The Commission reiterated that there has to be at least three meetings a year and that a quorum is three members present.

Kathy Schulda asked if there were any bylaws needing change. Bob Wood stated not at this time. Kathy also mentioned that the members were appointed for a two year term, meetings were open to the public and Robert's Rules of Order would be followed.

Kathy asked if each entity would write a grant or just come in face-to-face to request funds? Should they request an exact amount or just a share of the funds?

Bob Wood feels the request does not have to be in writing. It would not be a grant, but a request. He said here's a good example: He would like to ask the Board if it's ok to continue with the hanging baskets in the Village this year. Kathy asked what the cost would be and when did he need to order them? Bob replied that roughly \$1,000.00 would cover it and they would not need to be ordered for a few months yet. This would be noted in the minutes. Kathy asked if everyone was agreeable with this request and \$1,000.00 was granted to the Village of Hiram for beautification of the streets.

Dan Brokos brought up that the Township is working on instituting ideas that were suggested by the general public for the new Township Park. Natural things, like a prairie, birdhouses, a certified Monarch butterfly habitat. The Master Plan is to implement an educational program. The type of wildlife and wildflowers in this area including walking trails was discussed.

Kathy Schulda requested if the grindings left over from repaving Bancroft Street in the Village could be given to the Township for the trails in the new Township Park. Bob was agreeable to this. Discussion then took place about types of signs to put up with the names of trees and wildlife and information about each.

Bob Wood asked if the Beautification Commission will be involved in any way with the Hike and Bike Trail. Kathy indicated no, only if they were to request money from the Commission. A short discussion of the trails took place.

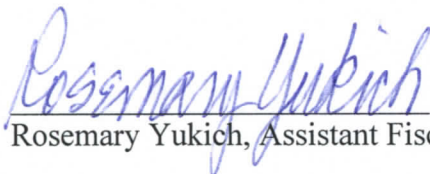
Bob Wood believes that the biggest concern will be the upkeep on the trails. Kathy Schulda wonders if the trails will be 'horse friendly'. Concerns about clean up from horses and dogs was brought up. Dan Brokos shared the survey from a community questionnaire, showing feedback on what is wanted on the Township new park property.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 8:30 AM.

Denny Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Dan Brokos seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:


Rosemary Yukich, Assistant Fiscal Officer


Lou Bertrand, Mayor