

## Northville Township Beautification Commission

### ZOOM Meeting Minutes 6/9/2020

Present at ZOOM meeting: Scott Frush, Jim Morche, Lynne Mosteller, Julie Mantay, Sharon Smith

Minutes from March 3, 2020 – prior correction from Sue H that Township BC budget runs January through December. No quorum at ZOOM meeting so unable to approve minutes.

#### Awards/Judging 2020

Consensus that the township and city should be in agreement as to whether we do awards or not this year. Due to COVID-19, there will likely be no awards luncheon. Township BC feels we should pass on judging and awards this year.

Jim will draft a letter that will be emailed to the award winners from the last 2 years. The letter will also be put on the township website announcing decision to pass on the annual judging for 2020. Will wait on this until confirmation of agreement to cancel from City BC.

Budget- per Scott, proposed budget for BC in 2021 is \$3000 for use at their discretion on designated projects. Still awaiting vote by Trustees to confirm this amount. Scott will keep us updated.

#### Question to Scott:

Since we were not able to do seedling giveaway and awards luncheon can we use that money for other projects this year like improvements to Friendship Garden, Twp. Hall Patio, Building Department, Police Department, Fire Department or phragmites removal? Scott will discuss at the next Trustee meeting.

Grants/information about phragmites removal for next year will be provided by Sharon.

#### Seedling Giveaway:

Should we reschedule for next year or resume every other year schedule which would be 2022. Need to talk over with city. Lynne will contact Diane Pittaway with City BC.

Scott mentioned possibility of township taking over seedling giveaway too. Julie expressed that she hopes that does not happen.

Nathan Riley – Northville Twp. Parks and Facilities Supervisor

Worked with Lynne to coordinate planting in front of sign and in flagpole area. Should he be invited to our meetings since we are partnering with him? Lynne and Nathan also discussed partnering on Bennett Arboretum retaining wall maintenance. Suggested that if the Township is able to do an annual fall clean up, the BC will continue with an annual spring clean up to keep the vegetation in and around the retaining walls under control.

Mindy Herrmann – Township Trustee

Jim received a campaign postcard from Mindy that mentions her involvement with a Township pathway committee. Lynne will reach out to her and invite her to our meeting so she can educate us and perhaps we can work together.

Flowers at township hall were ordered by Lynne and were planted by O'Guinns who also added fill dirt to elevate the bed in front of the Township sign. Lynne will get the bill for the flowers to Scott so that Prielipp can be paid. Ordered less flowers than last year and it looks lovely.

Sharon, Lynne, and Julie weeded and trimmed the rose bushes in the Friendship Garden. Suggested we have a schedule of those that would help keep it weeded through the year. Lynne will create a calendar with BC volunteers on rotation to keep it looking great.

Virtual meetings:

Jim really likes the idea of virtual meetings and all members agreed it was simple and effective and might even encourage others to join the BC if they can meet virtually.

Lynne thanked Shaun Nicoloff (Township IT Director) for making the arrangements for our meeting and asked if he would arrange our next virtual meeting for July 7, 2020 at 1pm.