

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES JULY 1, 2025

In attendance: Lynne Mosteller, Julie Mantay, Sharon Smith, Sally Hayes

- 1) Brandon McCullough – absent
- 2) Agenda was approved with no changes.
- 3) Meeting minutes from June 3, 2025 were approved, motion was made by Sharon, 2nd by Julie.
- 4) Budget update – expenses since last meeting totaled \$886.83 for new award signs, mulch and replacement flowers for out front. Sprinkler issues at the flagpole caused several plants to die which were replaced once sprinkler repairs were completed by the facilities team.
- 5) Awards 2025 – Commissioners finalized the list of 2025 Award recipients. Signs will be placed at businesses on the weekend of July 12 & 13 and will be removed in August.
- 6) New Business – the Commissioners discussed the lack of watering of annuals in front and in the back pots at Township Hall. A great deal of effort is required by the Commissioners to determine color palette then order, pick up and plant the flowers each season. It was disappointing to see so many plants die due to lack of water that was to be provided by the facilities team. Next year, the BC will wait until the sprinklers are in full working condition before planting the summer annuals. We will also request that Brandon have his team keep a more careful watch on the condition of the annuals.
- 7) Unfinished Business – Bennett Arboretum Wall requires weeding and more herbicide treatments. Lynne will contact Plantwise and will email Derek Smith to follow up on his research to find out if Wayne County provides funding for the upkeep of the living walls. The ongoing maintenance of the walls requires time and money that cannot be fully provided by the Beautification Commissioners and a few occasional volunteers. The tremendous amount of time and effort over the past several years provided by the Beautification Commission has vastly improved the appearance of the wall. Continued frequent maintenance is a must to keep the wall looking good, especially with all the new homes coming to the Downs development site.

NEXT MEETING August 19, 2025