

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN  
BEAUTIFICATION/HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MAY 19, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Beautification/Historical Commission took place at the Brownstown Township Hall, Tuesday, May 19, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pfau at 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Pfau, Sheldon, Szymanski, Walters, Golovich, Walters, and assistant recreation director, Thomas.

**ABSENT:** Boritzke

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** Motion by Szymanski, supported by Golovich to approve the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes of the Brownstown Beautification/Historical Commission. All present voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by Walters, supported by Sheldon, to approve the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting agenda of the Brownstown Beautification/Historical Commission, as submitted. All present voting aye.

Prior to the meeting's start, member Sheldon was asked to take meeting minutes due to lack of a secretary. Sheldon agreed.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT:** Member Burke reported that 421 of the society's informational brochures have been mailed to residents of Bridgewater, in hopes of gaining more interest in and support for the Brownstown Historical Society. Bridgewater resident Debbie Galik, 23885 Houghton Lane, was present at the Beautification/Historical Commission's May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and said T-shirts touting the Historical Society will be sold and articles about the Society and its activities will be published in Bridgewater's newsletter.

**GARDEN PROJECT:** Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Thomas reported that a letter was sent informing township community garden plot-owners that they may now start their Spring planting. Thomas also reported that all garden plots have been sold and three people are on the waiting list for raised planting beds. Sheldon informed members that she had spoken again with Leslie Lynch-Wilson, manager of the Lincoln Park Farmer's Market, who would like to bring members of their newly formed community garden committee to Brownstown to observe our garden's lay-out and functionality. A mutually agreeable time and date will be established. Beautification/Historical Commission members Sheldon and Szymanski will escort the visitors and explain our program.

**CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT:** Assistant Director Thomas reported that enclosure for the recreational campus' trash dumpster is being covered with stone and a tree that was interfering with parking visibility has been removed.

**2015 PROJECTS:** Member Golovich had previously proposed a community Halloween decorating competition, but it had not been voted on. A discussion ensued at this meeting as to how the contest should function. It was decided to award one overall prize, with parks and recreation assistant director Thomas offering to personally create a "Golden Ghost" to be displayed on the winner's lawn, and member Sheldon will contact a local business regarding an appropriate prize. A motion was made by Golovich, supported by Szymanski, that the Halloween contest be included with this year's projects. All members voted aye.

The Brownstown Parks and Recreation Department received a letter from a concerned citizen named Marilyn (no last name) offering to maintain one of the Brownstown signage areas. Pfau will contact the woman and see exactly what she has in mind and inform her which signage areas are available. In addition, member Sheldon read a letter that will be sent to Fire Station No. 2 on Sibley Road, requesting their help in maintaining the signage area at the intersection of Sibley and Dix. In return, commission members have offered to place a smaller, secondary sign at the site, indicating that the area is being maintained by Fire Fighters from Station No. 2.

Previously, a community memorial bench program was suggested, but the project was tabled for the June meeting. It was also suggested that the commission sponsor a community-wide E-Waste Removal Day, during which township residents could dispose of their unwanted computers, cell phones and other electronics in a safe manner. Assistant Director Thomas explained that E-Waste removal is very complex and is usually done on a county-wide basis. Last year, the disposal site was in Flat Rock. There was no further discussion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Member Sheldon suggested that a letter be written to Brownstown Parks and Recreation Department Director Mark Maxe, regarding the removal of Beautification/Historical Commission member Linda Boritzki, for lack of participation. If removal is granted, an opening for a new commission member will be available. A motion was made by Pfau and supported by Szymanski for Sheldon to write and submit the letter. All voted aye.

A letter requesting funding for Beautification/Historical member-attendance at some meetings of the Beautification Council of Southeast Michigan will be sent to Mark Maxe who, in turn, will make the request of the Township Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Golovich, supported by Szymanski, to adjourn the Beautification/Historical Commission meeting at 8:20 p.m. All present voted aye.