

Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Meeting was opened at 7:08 p.m.

Members Present

Jennie Stewart	Leo Gordon	Shelley Davis
Lyn Gordon	Clarence Cherry	Alderman Andrew Fields

Jennie welcomed everyone.

Jennie reported that she and Alderman Fields met with Marquita Kane of 3-D Ministries on July 31 to discuss her vision and mission. . Marquita would like to start a Community Garden in Bellefontaine at Forest Home & Bellefontaine Road. Marquita also told the Mayor that she and four other people were interested in joining the I & B Board. They were invited to tonight's meeting, but did not make the meeting.

Beautification Action Day

The next Beautification Action Day is Saturday, September 30, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. Leo reported that he has started making calls for volunteer participation. Marquita from 3-D Ministries has responded that they plan to participate. Leo also said that the Committee will need to assign someone to BBQ. Alderman Fields volunteered to find someone.

Leo asked the members again for their opinions regarding having a Committee member walk with each group during the cleanup to make sure all areas are covered thoroughly. It was suggested that a list be created for Mark that shows the primary streets we want to cover and who we want to assign to each area. It was also suggested that we reinforce and focus on team leads.

Flower Bed Cleanup

The Committee will clean the flower beds at City Hall on November 8, 2017.

The Hill

Leo reported that he cleaned out the weeds in the big circle on The Hill. He also said that he had a discussion with Mark regarding mulching that area if we lay plastic in that area. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and suggested that a heavy duty plastic be purchased. Jennie will spray Round Up before the plastic and mulch are put in place. We will also need to clean the Veteran Memorial Flowerbed. Jennie will spray Roundup on the weeds in the Veteran Memorial flowerbed and also connect with I/B members to decide on a date to clean the bed.

METRO St Louis Adopt-A-Stop

Jennie asked Board members if they had contacted Maureen Williams at Metro with their bus stop selections. Shelley said she contacted Ms. Williams and completed the necessary paperwork. She informed the Committee to make sure they include the bus stop number and direction when completing the forms. Shelley said that her stop was dedicated to Jeannette Bost. Jennie also completed her paperwork, but will have to change the wording on hers. She said we are allowed two lines and a total of twenty-four letters. Lynn and Leo have not contacted Ms. Williams as of yet.

Jennie reported that Ms. Williams said she may not be able to put trash cans at the bus stops because the trash cans need to be mounted. Jennie will talk to Ms. Williams this week to see if any Bellefontaine residents called her to adopt a stop.

Youth Camp

Shelley attended one of the days to observe what was being offered to the youth. Following is her report:

- 10 Youth Participants
- 2 Elderly Volunteers
- Sessions – Gun Safety, Bullying and Fishing/Boating
- Party

Shelley talked to Officer Owens regarding participating by offering a session. He said he would be happy to include her next year.

Clarence commented that the fountain was looking very beautiful.

Alderman Fields announced that Summer Beautification Awards will be given out at the Town Hall meeting on Thursday, September 7. He asked that the committee be present.

Parks and Recreation Action Items

- Replace stones on the Hill.
- Replacement of railroad ties at the Flower Bed on 270 and Lilac

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.