

Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present

Jennie Stewart	Leo Gordon	Lyn Gordon		
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Jennie welcomed the Board Members and Alderman Jim Christian of the 3rd Ward. She thanked those who came out. Jennie requested a moment of silence in memory of those impacted by 9/11.

Old Business:

Beautification Action Day Clean-up

The next Beautification Action Day will be held on Saturday; September 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Leo gave the following report of expected/unexpected participation. LaTanja's group will not be able to participate. We only have the Board's commitment at this time. Alderman Christian volunteered to contact Riverview Garden's Communications Director, Anthony Keikow to see if we can get participation from the school. We will have flyers at the September 20 Town Hall meeting and Leo will announce the cleanup. We will also post on Nextdoor and ask that the event be posted on the magnetic sign in Klein Park and the sign in front of City Hall.

It was clarified that this date didn't conflict with the Riverview Gardens Homecoming parade.

Vietnam Memorial Stone & Howard Gallion Memorial Stone

Alderman Christian reported that the Mayor agreed to the relocation of the Vietnam Memorial Stone to Klein Park. The Mayor also agreed to relocating Howard Gallion (former gardener) Memorial Stone to the left side of the bench in front of City Hall (opposite the Sergeant Vassallo Memorial Stone). The Parks Department will help with relocating the two memorial stones.

Jennie reported that the Mayor informed her that Sergeant Vassallo's family would like to put a bench where her memorial stone is located. The Board reviewed a photocopy of what the bench would look like and the inscription. Board agreed the bench was a good idea. Jennie will get clarification from the Mayor as to where exactly the stone will be located. The Board is agreed that the existing benches shouldn't be removed.

Lunch with Clarence Cherry

The Board took Clarence to Fins in Grafton, IL for lunch. It was an enjoyable outing and Clarence really had a good time. In the near future, the Board would like to present Clarence with a plaque and take him to breakfast.

Adopt-A-Street

The Board discussed this initiative. Lyn contacted Amy Mulholland at the Recreation Center regarding passes to the Rec. Center. We can get generic cards for visits to the pool and miniature golf. Ms. Mulholland said due to weight room restrictions, she would prefer that we didn't offer those.

Jennie shared some examples of the Adopt-A-Street programs from other cities. Following are some components of the initiative that were decided. Jennie agreed to put together a draft document of this Bellefontaine Adopt a Street Program for discussion

- Sign up via phone or website
- Provide trash bags (check prices at Lowes and Home Depot)
- No less than ½ mile can be adopted
- 1 Year Commitment
- Pick up four (4) times a year
- Contact City for trash pickup
- Passes for Pool or Miniature Golf (6)

New Business:**Unkempt Areas**

Jennie reported that the vacant blue house on Bellefontaine Road has been purchased and is being renovated. Also, the grass at the vacant child care nursery (old Hardee's Building) on Bellefontaine Road is not being cut.

Trash Bash

The 2019 date for the Trash Bash is Saturday, March 23, 2019. Will wait to announce the date after the September Beautification Action Day.

Leo Gordon resigned as Project Lead for our clean up events effective September 30, 2018. Jennie will take over until someone else takes over. Leo agreed to be Jennie's assistant.

Parks and Recreation Action Items Need To Be Completed

- Replacement of railroad ties at the Flower Bed on 270 and Lilac

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.