

## Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting was opened at 7:06 p.m.

### **Members Present**

<b>Jennie Stewart</b>	<b>Leo Gordon</b>	<b>Sheron Harris</b>	<b>Shelley Davis</b>
<b>Andrew Fields</b>	<b>Lynn Gordon</b>	<b>Alderman Jim Christian</b>	<b>Rodney Weeden</b>

Jennie thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Sheron to her first regular meeting as a member.

### **Trash Bash**

The Trash Bash will be held on March 21, 2020. The Board will participate. There should be approximately 8 – 11 participants. Bellefontaine Street Department has been notified and Jennie will pick up some supplies from the Trash Bash sponsors.

### **Annual City-Wide Cleanup – Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m.**

The Board is hoping to have a least 40 volunteers.

Jennie purchased ten additional yard signs and date strips. Yard signs will be placed throughout the four Wards by Board members.

Following are action items that need to be completed in preparation of the cleanup:

- Andrew stated that he had been in contact with a fraternity that expressed interest in volunteering. A letter will be sent to the fraternity with information about the cleanup.
- Shelley will send letters to churches in Bellefontaine. The City's website will have the names and addresses of the churches.
- Andrew and Leo will canvas businesses to inform them of the city-wide cleanup. Andrew will canvas businesses from Interstate 270 to Chamber Road. Leo will canvas businesses from Chambers Road to Jennings Station Road.
- Jennie will contact the receptionist at City Hall informing her that volunteers will be calling to sign-up for the cleanup.
- Alderman Jim Christian will post information on Facebook, Next Door, and in some churches.

The Board decided to reach out to the Riverview School District for participation in the September cleanup.

Jennie reported that she picked up litter on Bellefontaine Road beginning at U.S. Bank to Bellefontaine United Methodist Church. She also said that there is a lot of litter on Shepley and Lilac. Leo said there was a lot of litter on Jennings Station Road.

### **Calendar of Events for 2020**

Following are the Board's calendar of events for 2020:

- Saturday, March 21-Trash Bash – 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, April 25 - City-wide Cleanup – 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 11 – Clean out flower beds – 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, May 16 – Plant Flowers – 9:00 a.m. and mulch later during the following week
- Tuesday, June 16 – Judging Summer Home Beautification – 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 26 – City-wide Cleanup – 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 12 – Clean out flower beds – 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 15 – Judging of Christmas Decorations – 6:30 p.m.

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The Board agreed that the Adopt-A-Street Program, the Adopt-A-Bus Stop program, and the April Cleanup should be mentioned in the next Bellefontaine News.

**2019-2020 Budget** - July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Jennie reported on total expenses that had been spent including the closing of the new yard signs and stickers. The remaining dollars will be used to purchase plants for the flower beds, flower seeds for community outreach, paint and accessories for the trash cans. Jennie also mentioned that a 2020-2021 budget will need to be submitted.

Leo suggested that a weed trimmer be purchased to help maintain the flower beds on the Hill. The Board agreed and requested Leo to find out the cost and report back to the Board in the April meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.