

## Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Via Conference Call

Meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m.

### **Members Present**

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

Jennie welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the conference call. Alderdwoman Tatum from Ward 1 was also welcomed and introduced.

Alderdwoman Tatum stated that she was going to start having Ward 1 cleanups. She stated that three companies would provide landscaping services to some residents. Home repairs, tree trimming and removal would be made to some resident's homes. The City Street Department would also be available. She stated that her intent was to invite other Wards to have Ward cleanups, however, she had not presented it to the Board of Aldermen/women. Alderdwoman Tatum also stated that Ward 1 cleanups would not infringe on the Image and Beautification Board cleanups.

Several members of the I & B Board suggested that a presentation be made to the full Board of Aldermen/women by Alderdwoman Tatum for their input prior to getting other Wards involved. Jennie thanked Alderdwoman Tatum for her presentation and said that she would let her know whether or not the Image and Beautification Board would want to be part of the initiative.

Later in the meeting, the Board decided not to participate in the Ward Clean-up Project that was proposed. Instead, the members agreed to participate as individual residents of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

### **2020-2021 Budget** - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Per Jennie Stewart, the budget was included in the City's Budget and it appears on the City's website.

### **Plant of Tree at Bissell Hills Shopping Center Exit**

A Hydrangea Tree with ground cover was planted on August 8 with assistance from Michael Wiese, Jennie Stewart, Shelley Davis and the Street Department. Peggy Warnusz will be responsibility for maintenance. It was also suggested that the container be painted.

### **Adopt-A-Street**

Alderman Jim Christian stated that the document on the City Website cannot be adjusted due to the type of PDF software the City has. He agreed to work toward making the document look nicer by adding some design touches.

### **September Cleanup**

Jennie stated that 40 new date strips will be ordered. The Board agreed to place yard signs throughout the four Wards doing the week of Labor Day.

Following is a list duties that each Board Member agreed to:

- Contact Receptionist at City Hall – **Andrew**
- Send a letter to churches – **Shelley**
- Contact the Masons – **Leo**
- Contact the Chief of Police so a notice can be placed on the Police Website – **Jennie**
- Contact Riverview School District – **Caroline**

- Post a flyer in City Hall, Rec Center; add a message to the digital sign in Klein Park and the sign in front of City Hall – **Jennie**
- Hand delivery a letter to businesses – **Leo & Sheron**
- Contact Aldermen/Alderwomen – **Alderman Christian**
- Copies of Release of Liability – **Lynn**
- Contact Street Department - **Jennie**
- Confirm September Town Hall Meeting – **Alderman Christian**

It was suggested that packaged snacks be served instead of a hot lunch due to Covid-19.

**Delict House in Ward 4, Weeds, Trash and City Signs**

Jennie stated that the house at Rafor and Bellefontaine Rd is a terrible eyesore and makes a terrible statement for our City. Shelley stated that the City Sign is also missing and weeds have grown up on the sidewalk and around the sign.

Jennie stated that all of the City signs need to be replaced, repaired or painted. Alderman Christian agreed to take a picture of each sign and share them with the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen.

Jennie encouraged the Board members to review Bellefontaine Neighbors Ordinances and report violations.

Andrew thanked Shelley for her participation in picking up trash on Saturday, July 18 at Long Ridge and 367.

Jennie mentioned and thanked Michael Weise for repairing the light at the City Sign on Bellefontaine and 270. Also thanked him for weeding and pruning the trees in and near the flowerbed at the same location

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.