

Image and Beautification Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Meeting was opened at 7:03.

Members Present

Jennie Stewart	Leo Gordon	Caroline McDonald	Andrew Fields
Shelley Davis	Lynn Gordon	Rodney Weeden	Alderman Jim Christian

Jennie welcomed everyone.

Old Business

September 26, 2020 Cleanup Summary

- Volunteers – There were 42 volunteers comprised of Masons, residents and friends.
- City Hall Contact Person – Going forward the Board will need to make sure we have the correct contact persons. There were some issues with getting needed supplies, late arrival of drivers, picking up volunteers on time and trash bags being left in areas that drivers were not familiar with.
- Roadways cleaned – Litter was picked up on all major roadways
- Lunch – Alderwoman West and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott purchased lunch for the volunteers.
- Yard Signs – The Board was reminded to collect their yard signs. Also, it was noted that more signs will be needed for future cleanups as the signs seem to deter littering.

Adopt-A-Street City Website Update

Alderman Christian will send an updated version of the Adopt-A-Street information to all Board members for review and approval.

City Signs Update

Alderman Christian reported that he is waiting for quotes regarding the cost to replace/replace the signs. He recommended that a PVC material be used for the signs. It was suggested that the I&B Board present the need for replacing/repairing signs to the Alderpersons at the Aldermen Meeting in November. Caroline McDonald along with Alderman Christian will represent the I&B Board at the meeting.

Paint Trashcans

Bob Bost donated the paint. Jennie and Caroline will paint the trashcans built by the Boy Scouts.

Car Flags

Lynn Gordon will report on prices and designs at the next meeting. Alderman Christian suggested possibly using car magnets that are currently used by our Alderpersons. He will bring information to the next meeting.

Adopt-A-Stop

Lynn reported that she had talked to Maureen Williams at Metro regarding her and Leo adopting a stop, but no stops were available close to their home. Shelley Davis agreed to give the two bus stops on Jennings Station Road in Ward 4 to Leo and Lynn. Lynn and Leo will take a look at the bus stops and decide if they would like those. Jennie said she would like everyone on the I&B Board to consider adopting a stop – Sheron in Ward 1, Caroline in Ward 3 and Andrew somewhere outside of Ward 4.

New Business

Derelict Houses/Ordinance Violations

Andrew Fields presented an idea to the Board involving tracking and reporting derelict houses. He would like to create a spread sheet of homes with ordinance violations and present the list to City Hall for action. Leo Gordon talked about the challenges the City is having contacting owners of properties to address these violations. Due to time, it was decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Connecting City Cleanup

Jennie asked what the Board thought about inviting connecting cities to join with Bellefontaine Neighbors for a cleanup on the same date to help promote unity, image and beautification in North County. Each city would be responsible for marketing the cleanup date and recruiting volunteers. The Board thought it was a good idea so Jennie agreed look into it.

Gas Station at Chambers and Bellefontaine Road

It was noted that a great deal of litter is being left on the grounds of Conoco Gas Station at Chambers and Bellefontaine Road. It was suggested that a letter signed by the Alderpersons in Ward 2 be sent to owner.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.