

City of Northville Beautification Commission Minutes for April 4, 2016

In attendance: Diane Pittaway, Tomiko Aoki, Nachi Hirato, Callie Millroy, Liliana Miyahara, Terry Snyder and Jim Gallogly

Diane welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2016 and thanked them for their generous contribution of time, effort, and resources for making the community a beautiful, wholesome place to live.

Janet Young will be relocating to Florida and has submitted her resignation. Janet has provided valuable contributions for many years including our email correspondence, glove orders, luncheon details, the DPW crew cider & donuts, and sundry other tasks. Though we celebrate her opportunity to be with her family and in a sunny place, we will miss her.

Unfortunately, we received sad news regarding Pati Heath in December. This is a heart-felt loss for us.

OLD BUSINESS

Oct 5, 2015 minutes were emailed by Donna. One correction is that the plan to start the 8 Mile & Center St project had to be postponed until the 2016 season. The list of job assignments will be reviewed and update at the current meeting since some changes will be needed.

Treasurer's Report: Due to Sally's absence, we will get the report next month.

Southeastern Beautification Commission Meeting: Callie and Diane attended the Dec 4th luncheon in Farmington Hills. The topic was on the services at Tollgate Education Center, a good resource for us at Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile Roads. We missed the March luncheon. Another will be in June. Everyone keep it in mind so that we can have representatives.

Callie and Diane salvaged red twig dogwood branches saved from the downtown barrels by the DPW crew. Callie is planting some along the Rouge River; Diane will be planting them around the lake areas of Highland Lakes.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Meeting Dates: April 4th; May 2nd; June 6th; June 27th; August 1st; August 29th; October 3rd

Rotary luncheon will be September 13th

Note adjustments in the schedule for the July 4th and September 5th holidays.

Diane proposed that we focus on recruiting new members.

Nachi announced that we will have two new applicants for membership: Kei and Yumi. They will attend the next meeting and plan to participate in scheduled planting projects.

2016 Coordinator Assignments was reviewed. See attachment.

Seedling Give-away will be hosted Saturday, April 23rd at Northville Township Hall from 9 -11 am. Those volunteers are Tomiko, Nachi, Liliana, Callie, and Terry. Gary will take photos. Julie has been coordinating with Township BC on publicity. Seedlings will be Eastern redbud, red-oster dogwood, quaking aspen, blue spruce, Norway spruce, and white pine.

The 2016 Planting Project Schedule was distributed. See attachment.

8 Mile/Center St Project: Terry suggested checking with the local garden clubs to learn what projects they may have. Perhaps this location could be a joint effort. Unknown school maintenance personnel may have been responsible for the impressive clean up of the berms since Pati had emailed the school about our intention to make that area a project, asking for their help.

We will concentrate on the May planting projects before determining the plan for 8 Mile & Center. Terry will assess the area further and advise us of further action.

Jim Gallogly updated us on construction projects for road improvement which includes Elmsmere, Raison, Horton, Walnut, and S. Wing. These will start mid-June and may disrupt traffic flow for a time, especially S. Wing at the Post Office.

Jim shared that Jacque became very ill recently. Everyone expressed deep concern.

Callie moved to adjourn the meeting; Terry seconded; meeting adjourned