

# Hiram Community Beautification Commission

Meeting Minutes

Rosser Municipal Building

11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

**April 14, 2021**

**Beautification Members Present:**

Dan Brokos, Chair  
James McGee, Village Administrator  
Michael Greenwood, Village Council Representative  
Denny Taylor, Village Representative  
Ed Frato-Sweeney, Hiram College Representative

**Absent:**

Mayor Lou Bertrand  
Debra Blake, Hiram Township Representative  
Chris Szell, Village Representative

**Official Recorder:**

Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

**Others Present:**

Robert Faber, Village Resident

**General:** Dan Brokos called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of January 13, 2021. Ed Frato-Sweeney motioned to accept the minutes. Denny Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

**Guest and Public Comment:** Mr. Faber would like to see the trees that were taken down in front of the Post Office replaced. That area looks very bare and almost abandoned. James explained the owner of that property, Mr. Day, requested the trees be removed. He would need to request those be replaced. The care and maintenance of any new trees would be the responsibility of the property owner.

**Old Business:**

A. Beautification Funds: Ed Frato-Sweeney has forwarded to Dan a response from the College regarding the Reign Hadsell beautification funds. We should be receiving a check soon.

B. Marilane Spencer Property on Ryder Rd.: James had walked the property a few months ago and the ground was very soft. James has not spoken to Mrs. Spencer regarding the possibility of the sale of additional property. The Village would like to have access between the cemetery and the waste water plant.

C. Tree and Shrub Commission: Denny Taylor mentioned he has been contacted by Tina Dreisbach regarding possibly donating trees to the cemetery. Denny will bring in a Tree & Shrub map that was produced in the 1990's. He would like to remap the cemetery with the planting of new trees in mind. Denny then related additional information regarding tree coverage in Hiram, Windham and other area communities. A new computer program, the iTree-Calculator, is available that can predict by location what tree species are best and the

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life expectancy of a species as well as water absorption rates and carbon sequestration rates. James wants to make certain new trees are properly located within the cemetery. Unfortunately several trees that were planted in the past have been planted in gravesites that now cannot be used. The committee agreed to do meet on Monday, April 19th at 1:00 pm. at the cemetery and proceed from there.

**New Business:**


A. Hiram Community Trust: The new round of grant applications will be due May 14<sup>th</sup>. All agreed this would be a good opportunity to apply for monies.

B. Reign Hadsell Park Trees: Mike Greenwood stated the marker flags for the new tree plantings are missing. James informed everyone that he and Steve Schuller had used the flags to mark out the dog park area for the Park Board. He and Steve do the mowing there and will be careful not to mow over any new trees. James plans to spray around the plantings to give them plenty of room to grow.


C. Hinsdale Street Trees: Mike Greenwood would like to see trees planted on the tree lawn at the College infirmary. Mr. Faber mentioned Davey Tree has donated trees to the Village many years ago. Perhaps they would be willing to do that again. Conversation regarding the location of underground utility lines.

Ed Frato-Sweeney motioned to adjourn. Mike Greenwood seconded.  
The next meeting is set for July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:

  
Dan Brokos, Chairperson