

Hiram Community Beautification Commission

Meeting Minutes

Rosser Municipal Building

11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

August 20, 2024

Beautification Members Present:

Mike Greenwood, Chair
Mayor Anne Haynam
Karen O'Sickey, Township Resident
Jenny Carlson, Village Resident

Absent:

Debra Blake, Hiram Township Trustee
Steve Schuller, Village Administrator

Official Recorder:

Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung, Fiscal Officer

Others Present:

General: Mr. Greenwood called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. The minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Beautification Budget:

- The Mayor reported the Village did finally receive a check from the Reign Hadsell Trust. Mike had sent a letter out in May and Wendelin followed up on the status of the check recently. We now have a check for \$3,457.80. This is from the Hiram Community Trust that goes to Beautification and believe this is a two-year draw of interest on the trust. We could not apply for the funds last year since we did not have quorum. The Mayor met with Kelly Jahns, who chairs the Hiram Community Trust. She asked for an outline as to how the trust works, who is on the board, etc. to help better understand the process. Maybe even an accounting of the funds in the Trust. The Fiscal Officer did provide a report of the accounting in the UAN for the Hiram Beautification. Members discussed some of the expenditures that typically come out of this fund and reviewed the report. The Mayor will find out how much we start with; what is appropriated at the beginning of the year. Mike said the Hurd Garden comes under this fund as well.

Strategy for Tree Planting:

- Mike would like to put together a strategy for plantings. The Mayor asked Mike about planting in the cemetery? Mike said he really does not consider planting in the cemetery; he concerns himself with the tree lawns around the Village. Members discussed the idea of plantings in the cemetery. They also discussed the Commission working with Hiram College's arboretum plan.

Volunteer Day:

- The Mayor noted that this year on volunteer day, we had over 100 volunteers from the church of the latter-day saints as well as Village and Township members working on cleaning up the parks, gardens and trails. More discussion followed on plans for planting fall bulbs around some of the public gardens.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 17, 2024 at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved:

Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung, Fiscal Officer

Mike Greenwood, Chairperson