

Hiram Community Beautification Commission
Meeting Minutes
Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234

January 13, 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:

General: Dan Brokos called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of October 14, 2020. Michael Greenwood motioned to accept the minutes. James McGee seconded. Motion passed.

Guest and Public Comment:

Old Business:

A. Hiram Community Trust: Dan had sent a letter requesting funds. Ed Frato-Sweeney mentioned there is some confusion as to what funds the Beautification Commission was actually requesting. The fund that holds that money is the Reign Hadsell Trust money for beautification. Ed will investigate and get back to Dan. James McGee mentioned the Village uses some of those beautification funds to purchase hanging baskets that are placed throughout the Village.

B. Marilane Spencer Ryder Road property: The property is approximately 5 acres and has been appraised. Mayor Bertrand is still considering the purchase of that property, however there is nothing new to report.

New Business:

A. Meeting Dates: The 2021 quarterly meeting dates are now on Wednesday. In the past the dates have fallen on Thursdays.

New Business Continued....

B. Tree and Shrub Commission: Denny Taylor stated he would like to see a tree commission be implemented. Many of the present commission attended the Tree Academy and he feels they are more than able to form a committee. Mike Greenwood suggested a group be formed as a sub-committee utilizing members of the Beautification Commission and possibly volunteers from the community. Denny stated there had been a tree and shrub commission in past and he believes there is enough interest to reinstitute the group as a sub-committee. He mentioned he had received a note from Tina Dreisbach expressing interest in the cemetery trees. Dan will contact her.

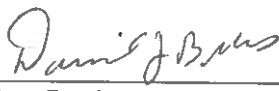
C. Reign Hadsell Park Trees: Mike Greenwood reported the trees planted last year are doing well. The majority of these trees were burr oaks. He would like to put together a modest plan for plantings along Hinsdale. He thinks burr oaks may also be the species to use in that project.

James McGee motioned to adjourn. Mike Greenwood seconded.
The next meeting is set for April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Dan Brokos, Chairperson