

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES April 4, 2023

In attendance: Shannon Coker, Lynne Mosteller, Sally Hayes, Kimberly Meisel, Sharon Smith, Julianne Mundy, Gail Thomas (guest), Brandon McCullough (guest)

- 1) Brandon McCullough, Facilities Manager, discussed options for improving the back of Township Hall in the old waterfall area. He and commissioners discussed the pros & cons of a rain garden, butterfly garden, perennial garden and adding planters with annuals. Sharon suggested possible low growing swamp milkweed for butterflies, as it is easier to control the spread. She also mentioned that a rain garden needs a wet area to succeed. Brandon confirmed that his team will be responsible for maintenance and irrigation. Brandon will get some bids and share at our next meeting, he reported that he has funds in his budget for improving the area. Lynne will get prices on planters.
- 2) Agenda was approved with no changes.
- 3) Meeting minutes from March 7, 2023 were approved, motion was made by Julianne, 2nd by Kimberly.
- 4) Seedling Giveaway Update – Seedling Giveaway 2023 is planned for Saturday April 22 from 9 to 11 or until seedlings are gone. Seedlings will be delivered to Township Hall on April 20 or 21. Seedlings were difficult to secure this year and cost was much higher than in 2021. The varieties of seedlings are not what we originally planned to have, however they will offer 8 choices for Northville residents of conifers, deciduous trees and shrubs - a total of over 600 seedlings. Each car that drives through the giveaway will be limited to 4 seedlings. Volunteers from NHS Honor Society, Mpowerall, Tree Champions, City BC and Township BC will assemble at 8:15. Color coded cotton yarn will be tied on seedlings starting at 8:15 to prepare them for the giveaway. Township will cover printing of order forms and information sheets for each car. Brandon will coordinate pop up tents, cones, tables and vests and have them ready to go by 8AM. He will also notify police of the event so they can keep an eye on traffic.
- 5) Budget update – No recorded 2023 expenses to date.
- 6) New business – Per our new 2022 Bylaws, a Vice Chairperson must be elected. Of the commissioners present, none were able to take on this duty. The election of the Vice Chairperson was tabled until next meeting when Julie Mantay is present so she can be asked if she can fill this vacancy.
--Shannon announced that she will be leaving the Township and a replacement liaison is yet to be named. Commissioners thanked her for her help and support over the past year and wished her well.
- 7) Unfinished business – The spring display in the planter urn and at the flagpole will be pansy and pussywillow. Commissioners will meet next week to plant. Lynne will reach out to Willow Greenhouse for wholesale pricing on the pansies and pussywillow.

NEXT MEETING MAY 9, 2023