

**Beautification Commission  
Minutes  
Monday, September 14, 2020  
5:30 pm  
Zoom**

**Call to Order:** 5:39 pm

**Roll Call:** Colleen Crossey, Cindy Haley, Cindy Lang, Courtney Opalko, Christen Pietraz, Isaly Szetela, Celia Todd, Laura Williams

**Excused:** Celia Todd

**Absent:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved Laura, Seconded Isaly

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved Laura, Seconded Isaly

**Old Business:**

**Current Projects:** The following projects were discussed:

1. National Wildlife Federation Certification (Laura)
  - Laura has made presentations to Novi Woods students
  - All requirements will have been met except homeowner certification
  - Wendy has tried to get a current count from NWF and will make another attempt
  - Colleen suggested getting a list of HOAs from the city to use for networking with homeowners
2. Keep Michigan Beautiful Award (Celia)
  - Novi has been awarded \$400
  - Park Entryway Sign Adoption could be used to apply for an additional \$500
  - School programs could also be used and Christen will check status at Deerfield
  - Wendy will check current funds available in Beautification account
3. Park Entrance Sign Adoption (Cindy L, Isaly)
  - Isaly will create a new draft brochure and application for review
4. Home/Neighborhood decorating and landscaping recognition (Cindy H)
  - Christen will update the write-up from summer to fall for posting on Next Door
  - Certificates will be created for recognition
5. Entryway Grants
  - Simone announced that a new, simplified application is expected to be available Oct. 1
  - \$39,000 will be available for awards in 2021
6. Web site
  - Members could provide links to information on the Internet using Rick Meader's list of invasives as a resource and send links to Simone

**Grants:**

Waste Management

- Christen put grant application on hold in order to get list of native plants in Monarch Garden

**Discussion:**

- Wendy will send a link to educational programs about pollinators
- The group wished Wendy the best in retirement and thanked her for all her hard work and support

**Meetings:**

October 12, November 9, December 14

**Events:**

October 3 & 4 Pumpkinfest MSU Tollgate cancelled

**Adjournment:** 6:30 pm: Moved Cindy H, Seconded Christen