

**Beautification Commission
Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2019
5:00-6:30 pm
Novi Civic Center**

Call to Order: 5:05 pm

Roll Call: Colleen Crossey, Cindy Haley, Cindy Lang, Jennifer Ryan, Isaly Szetela, Celia Todd, Carolyn Upton, Laura Williams, Lindsay Wyskowski

Excused:

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen

Approval of Agenda: Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen

Old Business:

Current Projects: The following projects were discussed:

1. National Wildlife Federation Certification (Laura & Colleen)
 - Kick-off at Spring Palooza
 - Ranger Rick to be there and will need handler from Youth Council
 - Laura obtained sunflower seeds from Feed Store that will be packaged
 - Wendy will check on available labels for sunflower picture and directions
 - Jen will work on "Memory" card game with items related to NWF
 - Cindy Lang presented an updated timeline
 - Laura will provide materials for a semi-permanent display at the library
 - Colleen moved and Jen seconded a proposal that Novi's iconic plant be designated as the Red Columbine, and the motion was approved unanimously
2. 2019 Entryway Grants (Carolyn & Celia)
 - A total of three applications were received
 - Carolyn called for a vote and Lindsay seconded to approve the applications received
 - Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of all three applications
 - Commission discussed the fact that remaining funds cannot be rolled over for use the following year
3. Website Information
 - Three articles have been provided with information about invasives, native plants, animals, pollinators or insects
4. Gateway Sign Adoption (Cindy L & Lindsay)
 - Awaiting decision by City Council
5. Beautification Commission of SE Michigan Luncheon (Ratna, Wendy, Celia & Cindy H.)
 - Hosting June 20, 2018 (58 attended last year)
 - Volunteer needed to check with Castles for crafts
 - Members are to read planning guidelines for next meeting
 - Need volunteers to set up
 - Plan to use fishbowls with fresh flowers for centerpieces (approximately 8 tables)

- Loose flowers can be purchased for arrangements
- Members to watch for possible silent auction items (approximately 15 items needed)
 - Wendy will provide a letter to take to businesses
 - Zoo poo
 - Packets of sunflower seeds to be used as favors
- Wendy will check on catering budget
 - Celia offered to check on special prices for dessert items
- 6. Keep Michigan Beautiful Award 2019 (Celia)
 - Applications due in August; awards at October meeting in Lansing
 - Possible entries are NWF project and Entryway Grant project
- 7. Home/Neighborhood decorating and landscaping recognition (Jen, Ratna, Lindsay, Cindy H)
 - Lindsay has put together a list of questions to encourage people to submit pictures
 - Members should email additional ideas to Lindsay

Grants:

Waste Management

- Signage for Monarch Garden
- NWF Certification

Events:

April 27, 2019 Detroit Zoo Greenfest (10 am – 3 pm)

May 17, 2019, Spring Palooza, Civic Center Campus

June 1, 2019 MSU Tollgate Plant Sale (First Saturday in June)

June 8, 2019 Spring Perennial Exchange

June 20, 2019, SE Michigan Beautification Commission Luncheon

Meetings:

April 8, May 13, June 10, July 15, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, December 9

Adjournment: 5:58 pm Moved Lindsay, Seconded Laura