

**Beautification Commission
Minutes
Monday, April 8, 2019
5:00-6:30 pm
Novi Civic Center**

Call to Order: 5:05 pm

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

Excused: Jennifer Ryan, Celia Todd, Lindsay Wyskowski

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Moved Laura Seconded Islay

Approval of Agenda: Moved Laura, Seconded Islay

Old Business:

Current Projects: The following projects were discussed:

1. National Wildlife Federation Certification (Laura & Colleen)
 - Kick-off at Spring Palooza
 - Ranger Rick may be there and would need handler from Youth Council
 - Sunflower seeds have been packaged
 - Jen has been working on "Memory" card game with items related to NWF
 - Laura will provide coloring pages and check on Michigan coloring book
 - Commission members should arrive by 4:30 pm
 - Cindy L. will try to call in for WHO Meeting scheduled on April 11
 - May not participate in Greenfest at zoo since commission members are not available on the morning of April 27 to set up, and the date is the same as Arbor Day
2. 2019 Entryway Grants (Celia)
 - Before and after pictures needed
3. Website Information
 - Lindsay is compiling articles about invasives, native plants, animals, pollinators or insects
 - Members are asked to review the Beautification Commission web site at cityofnovi.org and provide feedback
4. Gateway Sign Adoption (Cindy L & Lindsay)
 - Need to develop criteria and restrictions
 - Need to create a pamphlet with description, criteria, restrictions and application
5. Beautification Commission of SE Michigan Luncheon (Wendy, Celia & Cindy H.)
 - Hosting June 20, 2018 (58 attended last year)
 - Wendy obtained gifts from Cassels and members are bringing in additional gifts
 - Need volunteers to set up before 9:30 Meeting
 - 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 adapt a letter to take to businesses

- Packets of sunflower seeds to be used as favors
- Wendy will check on catering and process for invitations
- 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, Lindsay, Cindy H)
 - Lindsay has put together a list of questions to encourage people to submit pictures
 - Members should email additional ideas to Lindsay
- 8. Fuerst Park Monarch Waystation maintenance & Rain Garden at Rotary Park
 - May set a date with Rick Meader
 - Members may also work individually at their convenience

New Business:

- Fall Care Days
 - Could consider a pre-school project on a weekday morning
- Fall Perennial Exchange
 - Could consider a seed exchange for spring next year
 - Farmington to hold a seed exchange on May 18 this year
- Possible trip to Belle Isle this summer
 - Islay will check on available tours
- Need to designate a fund-raising chairman

Grants:

Waste Management

- Signage for Monarch Garden
- NWF Certification

Events:

April 13, 2019, Earth Day at MSU Tollgate (9-11 am)
 April 27, 2019, Arbor Day at Rotary Park (9-11 am)
 April 27, 2019, Detroit Zoo Greenfest (10 am – 3 pm)
 May 4, 2019, River Day (9-11 am)
 May 17, 2019, Spring Palooza, Civic Center Campus
 May 18, 2019, Plant and Seed Swap at Heritage Park Nature Center
 June 1, 2019, MSU Tollgate Plant Sale (First Saturday in June)
 June 1, 2019, Novi Road Cemetery Clean-up (9-11 am)
 June 8, 2019, Spring Perennial Exchange
 June 20, 2019, SE Michigan Beautification Commission Luncheon

Meetings:

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

Adjournment: 6:24 pm Moved Laura, Seconded Chris