

MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2013

Present: Councillor Peter Simons, Chairperson Rob Spencer, Director of Parks & Leisure Lee Penner, Secretary Danielle Kennedy, Graham Scott, Will Brown and Grace Fix.

Call to Order: Chairperson Rob Spencer called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

1. **Additions/Agenda Approval**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

2. **Confirmation of May 2, 2013 HBC Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Minutes from the April 4, 2013 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

Trade Show

Chairperson Rob Spencer stated that the booths at the trade show were set up nicely. Grace Fix suggested that next year for the trade show Beautification should have a rain barrel and a compost bin on display. Chairperson Rob Spencer said that he was approached a few times about how to use the compost bins. He suggested having a set of instructions at the trade show next year.

4. **Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Statement of Revenue and Expenses be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

5. 2013 Projects

a. Banners & Signage:

Director of Parks & Leisure Lee Penner stated that the Tennis Court signage is moving forward, the signs have been ordered and will be going up on highway 12 & 56 they are going to be a little more expensive than expected.

Chairperson Rob Spencer asked Director of Parks & Leisure Lee Penner if he had heard any more about the Down Town Business Association banners. Director of Parks & Leisure Lee Penner stated that Sue Anne Hennessey will be informing him of when the next Down Town Business Association will be.

b. Communities in Bloom:

Chairperson Rob Spencer stated that the Communities in Bloom page was updated and put in the paper.

Chairperson Rob Spencer went to the Communities in Bloom presentation and spoke to the judges; he stated that he felt it went well. Communities in Bloom Committee taped the presentation and took it to the National Communities in Bloom Presentation. Chairperson Rob Spencer spoke of some of the things that came out the presentation that he would like to try out such as offering the Community residents a chance to come on the tour that Beautification takes the Communities in Bloom judges on. Graham Scott suggested taping the tour and putting it on Youtube. Chairperson Rob Spencer suggested Beautification could get a student to tape the tour and then put it on the Town website. Councillor Peter Simons suggested that we could rent a bus so that Beautification could invite community residents on the tour.

c. Environmental Action Sub-Committee

Environmental Action would like to do a recycling award to an individual or an organization. Grace Fix suggested that the award could be a photo and write up in the paper acknowledging the persons efforts to recycle. Grace Fix suggested if Environmental sub-committee were to start the nominations now and close the nominations by the end of May 2013 so the person or organization that won the nominations award could come to the Communities in Bloom Banquet. Grace Fix is going to draw up a nominations form and email the form to the Beautification Committee for approval. The Beautification Committee discussed who would be eligible to be nominated and decided on the Stettler & area residents. Grace Fix asked Secretary Danielle Kennedy if she could put a write up about the award in the Town newsletter.

Environmental Action sub-committee would like to create a list of places where residents can drop off items that they are unsure where they go.

Grace Fix stated that Environmental Action sub-committee will be running the fruit and vegetable rescue again this year. Chairperson Rob Spencer suggested that Grace Fix create a poster for the fruit & vegetable rescue so that Chairperson Rob Spencer can take it to the original Community Gardens and post the poster on the garden shed bulletin board.

Chairperson Rob Spencer recommended having the fruit and vegetable exchange at the annual seed exchange at the P&H Elevators. Grace Fix agreed. Grace Fix is going to give Chairperson Rob Spencer compost sheets to hand out at the Plant Swap.

Grace Fix came up with an idea of a "Take it or Leave it Shed" so Community Residents have somewhere to take their items that they normally would throw out. Grace Fix stated that the Maximum cost for materials to build the shed would be \$8000.00. Grace Fix asked the Beautification Committee if the Environmental Action sub-committee could donate money to the "Take it or Leave it Shed". Grace fix was also wondering if the Town and County employees could build the shed together. Director of Parks & Leisure Lee Penner stated that Grace Fix needs to write up a proposal and take it to Council. Councillor Peter Simons agreed with Director of Parks & Leisure Lee Penner.

d. Heritage Conservation Sub-Committee

Will Brown stated that he was going to be meeting up with Wilda Gibbons next week to talk about the virtual walking tour and will be emailing the Heritage Conservation Sub-Committee the site. Will also said he is going to research for more information on Carl Stettler.

e. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

f. Community Gardens

Beautification was granted the \$17,900.00 grant that they applied for. Beautification has the new Community Gardens location staked out. Chairperson Rob Spencer stated they are preparing to get the new Community Gardens ready for gardening season. Danielle Kennedy at the Town Office is taking names for the new Community Gardens. Signs were ordered for the new Community Gardens and as well as the water tank.

g. Plant Swap

Plant Swap is May 11, 2013 at West Stettler Park from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Chairperson Rob Spencer is going to call the radio station about the plant swap

and also suggest to the radio station to call Grace Fix about the recycling list idea. Chairperson Rob Spencer wants to get more pamphlets about noxious weeds to hand out at the plant swap. Grace Fix suggested putting a limit on the plants you can take at plant swap so everyone gets a chance to enjoy the plant swap. Chairperson Rob Spencer was unsure about limits. Chairperson Rob Spencer will send the plant swap poster and Garden contest poster to Aubrey at the Board of Trade so he can send them out to all the businesses to put in their windows.

h. Contests

The Mural Contest winners are as follows:

Graham's picture is going up at the Cemetery, Nathan's Picture is going up at West Stettler Park and Shealyn's picture is going up at the Dog Park. Beautification is going to approach sign companies to see what the best idea would be to get the murals up on the backs of the boards. Chairperson Rob Spencer wants to put the other murals up at the P & H. Chairperson Rob Spencer is going to send out letters to all 11 entries. Graham Scott has donated his heartland dollars back to Beautification.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2013

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairperson Rob Spencer at 1:06pm.