

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS/BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Lynne Reinhardt, Ben Kubiak, Mark Tomaszewski, Priscilla Rulison, Ron Cowden, Wendy Staffeld, Ed Tegler

Members Absent: John Rozga

Also Present: Kathie Boyle, Gary Niesen

The first meeting of the newly combined Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lynne Reinhardt at 5:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Shuffleboard Court - in need of a sign that states where equipment is stored. Also discussed checking with Chief Bachman on charging a \$5.00 fee to be returned when equipment is returned. Marina employees would have to handle this duty. Priscilla and Wendy will look into finding a type of signage that would state where the shuffleboard equipment is stored.

BUS TOUR

June's scheduled bus tour was cancelled due to bad weather. We could take tour in two minivans - Lynne's van would seat four and Ed's would seat six members. A date will be set up and members will be notified.

NEW BUSINESS

This being the first combined meeting of the two commissions - Lynne had each member introduce themselves and tell the commission a little bit about them.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were opened for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Priscilla Rulison nominated **Lynne Reinhardt** for the position of Chair - Consensus
Lynne Reinhardt nominated **Priscilla Rulison** for the position of Vice-Chair - Consensus
Lynne Reinhardt nominated **Wendy Staffeld** for the position of Secretary - Consensus

Nominations Closed.

◆ Dates and Times of Meetings

It was discussed and decided that meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. Commission will decide at a future meeting if we will hold a monthly meeting during the winter months.

Chair Lynne reviewed the new Parks and Beautification Ordinance changes to commission absentee policy. Lynne also reviewed proposed bylaws with changes to "Vacancies/Board Absences." Members are to review bylaws and discuss at next meeting will then forward to City Council for their approval.

◆ Ongoing Projects

Phase 1 - Butterfly Garden is located on the upper portion of the City Marina Park. Chief Bachman has offered his Marina crew to do the watering. Lynne is requesting that when members visit the butterfly garden they stop and pull a weed or two. We need to work on the upkeep of the garden and work on getting a walkway that would let the riverwalk/marian traffic walk up the hill. Possibly put in a curvy walkway on the grassy cliff that would lead to the garden. We could also put in other butterfly sculptures along the way. This is an ongoing project that will require funding. Commission believes this would add more to the area. Members would like to look at the area, give it some thought and discuss at our next meeting.

◆ Farmers Market

Discussed setting up a table at the Farmers Market to sell cards.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. - in the second floor conference room.

A consensus to adjourn at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary