

**CITY OF MANISTEE  
NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, October 17, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Manistee Neighborhood Restoration and Beautification Commission was held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Council chambers.

Meeting was called to order by Lucas Richardson at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Lucas Richardson, Jermaine Sullivan, Kelly Greve, Mary Kaye Wilkosz

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Glass

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Commission members approved the minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting.

MOTION by Lucas Richardson, seconded by Mary Kay Wilkosz to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 4-0

Yes:	Richardson, Sullivan, Wilkosz, Greve
No:	None
Absent:	None

**RESCHEDULE OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY**

Discussion on rescheduling the Community Service Day that was cancelled due to weather. The Commission decided that they would like to reschedule for this month and will look for dates. Kelly Greve thinks it should be this season before winter sets in. They will communicate outside of the meeting for possible dates and send out an announcement when a date is chosen.

**UPDATE ON SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**

Jermaine Sullivan stated that she now has contacts for Casman, MCC and MMHS regarding student volunteers. She will contact them for specific projects when the need arises. She stated that she would like to give them as much notice as possible to allow them to coordinate accordingly.

## **UPDATE REGARDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR REMOVING BLIGHT**

Mary Kay Wilkosz spoke with Mary Trucks from FiveCAP and learned that there is no funding available at present, maybe next year. She also spoke with Corey Van Fleet from United Way and learned the same. Lucas Richardson will reach out to Rose Fosdick to get information on funding sources available. Chief Glass stated that he and Bill Gambill will meet with Rachel Nelson from the Land Bank to discuss the State releasing funds to deal with demolition of blighted properties. Lucas Richardson will work with Mary Kay Wilkosz to draft a letter to send to homeowners regarding funding information and processes.

## **FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Commission will plan a big day in the Spring for beautification and blight projects in the city. Mary Kay Wilkosz stated that she believes the commission should set some goals and develop an action plan. Then reach out to sources to get their help in implementation. Kelly Greve agreed with this idea. Lucas Richardson stated that everyone should bring their goal ideas to the next meeting for discussion. Jermaine Sullivan suggested that the big event in the Spring should be a two-week event with one week for beautification and one week for worse blight situations. Chief Glass suggested that the events be broken into smaller time frames, to alleviate a long day and potential loss of volunteers.

## **SCHEDULING 2023 MEETINGS**

The Commission unanimously decided to change the times for the last two meetings of 2022 to 9:00 am. The Commission will revisit the 2023 schedule at the next meeting when the new member is present.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Kelly Greve reported that the blighted house in her neighborhood has been purchased and will be demolished.

Chief Glass told the Commission that there will be an upcoming annual presentation for them to show what they've accomplished thus far. The date will be announced when it is decided on.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Monday, November 7, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The next regular meeting of the Neighborhood Restoration and Beautification Commission will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.**

Motion was made by Lucas Richardson, seconded by Mary Kay Wilkosz to adjourn the meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.