

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

CLEVELAND TREE BOARD

June 9, 2022

Members present: Mary Anna Davis, Betsy Abraham, Adolph Hilliard, Jane Dunlap, Charlene Wolfe, Frances Janoush

Vice Chair Jane Dunlap called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

The Beautification Commission welcomed Frances Janoush as a new member of the commission.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the minutes of the May 2022 meeting, Mary Anna Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Betsy Abraham seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Budget Review

Budget was not available.

Old Business

1. The planters downtown look well so far this summer. Mary Anna Davis placed mulch in the planters to help retain moisture. Public Works has added a new employee to the grounds crew, and he is helping to make certain that everything is well watered.
2. The Beautification Commission will wait until fall to plant a tree in memory of Jared Horne. Mary Anna Davis will help to determine the type of tree and the best location for planting.
3. The dedication of the new disc golf course on the Bike Trail was scheduled for April 30, but has not yet been held.
4. The wildflower plot at Firemen's Park has another round of blooms. There is still an issue with nut grass at Bear Pen Park. Mary Anna Davis will try spraying with "Permit" and will plan to plant at Bear Pen and Amzie Moore in the fall.

New Business

1. One of the smaller crepe myrtles on North Street has either an active or old infestation of crepe myrtle bark scale. Mary Anna Davis recommended that we remove that one tree to remove the scale source.
2. The city is responsible for the flower beds at Hey Joes and Kutworks. Tre' Woodard has started weeding and spraying those beds. The beds were over planted and some of the plants in those areas may need to be removed.
3. The Cleveland Beautification Commission/Tree Board received a \$50.00 donation from the Delta Home and Garden Club in honor of out-going president Susannah Wessel.


Reports

Betsy Abraham gave a report from the Cleveland Public Arts Committee. Myrtis Tabb was elected Chair of the committee and Betsy Abraham was elected Vice Chair. The committee receives no funding from the city. Currently the committee is reviewing and changing the guidelines and application process. The PAC meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 in the city hall boardroom.

Frances Janoush gave the Chamber report to the commission. The chamber will be installing 15 new bike racks in the downtown area. The racks will be placed on concrete pads. The chamber is soliciting donations to help pay for the racks. The cost of each is \$250.00 and that cost may be split between two donors. The Young Professionals and the Master Gardeners teamed up to host a garden workshop at the Bolivar County Extension office. Everyone enjoyed learning about container gardens and raised beds, and those in attendance planted micro-greens in containers. The chamber hopes to have some type of publicity to encourage citizens to use the Bike Trail, located just south of the downtown green strip.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cleveland Beautification Commission



Jane Dunlap, Vice Chair