



South Huron Communities in Bloom (CIB) Minutes of Wednesday May 4, 2016 Meeting

Attendees: Cathy Seip, Craig Hebert, Glen Nicholson, Dorothy Henderson, Dave Atthill, Bev Prout and Beth Cooper.

1. Call to Order:

- Dorothy Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office. Cathy came in late and took over as chair.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the April 6 meeting were amended and adopted by Craig Hebert and Dorothy Henderson.

3. Updates:

- John Pond to council already and council approved to go into the area. Centralia Faith Tabernacle Church, Park Side Limited and Centralia Huron Park Lions to improve 3 of the 5 green spaces with nothing in them. Pictures of future looks of the park were presented. Focus on where the school was. This year garbage containers, a second basketball net, paint for the soccer lines and larger gravel area for large swings for older children to be added. Last year they upgraded soccer pitch, bleacher and toddler playground. Question remains of what CIB can do? Ideas for fundraising?
- Upcycled Gardening 2016 seeds need to be stapled. More copies need to be printed and posters need to be made.
- Butterfly garden at Town Hall planning by Dorothy and Linda. Need mulch for end of May.
- Adopt A Highway done by Cubs. Contact Marty (Cub Leader) to send a thank you, thinking cookies and a drink.

- Downtown Parkette grant report to council. Tender process completed last year and ready to begin. Everyone is in full support. Reviewed plan for Downtown Parkette with new members with explanation of funding from hydro money. Benches for Downtown Parkette paid for by Art Around Town and a donation made by Trail 10th Anniversary Committee. Benches built by the high school.
Note: Round planter to replace square planter in center of phase 1.
- Rain Barrels painted by George Wilson. George did a mural for the mayor of the old town hall and library. Paint being donated by Partner's and Paint.
- Tree Sale went well. Linda did a great job organizing the tree sale and selling the trees. Also, a big thank you to Bev, Carol, Glen and Kate for making the tree sale a success. Made a profit of \$ 1,098.10.
- Learned some great information from the training workshops. An idea for next year to be different is to see about combining this with the Home Show. It will need to be kept specific and certain times will need to be set. A loss of \$93.24 on the workshops.
- Evaluation information sent out to judges.

Projects

- Thames Road Elimville Community Park Pavilion raising on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Hand out by Beth Cooper. Registration form to be a 'Timber-Framer for a Day' for work activities. Promoting as "Five acres of green space that is a safe place to walk." The park will be added to the tourist map as a Rest Area, since a Port a Potty has been donated. Texting Rest Stops will be added on the government website for people driving by. Foundation started and form is up for pavilion. Timber to arrive May 16. Learn how to build group activities for children May 21 and 28. Cathy is getting shirts for people with the CIB colours. Cathy is also bringing beans for Celebration Supper on June 4.
- 800 Tulips ordered for planting. Will arrive in the fall. Motioned by Beth, seconded by Craig.
- Garden at McNaughton Park to be cleaned up by pavilion. New tree and bush to be planted.

- Garden at Main/Victoria Street (Dairy Queen) to be cleaned up by MOSH. Contractor to maintain.
- Lambton Shores is planting 2200 seedlings at Grand Bend sewer plant on May 17 from 9am to 11am. Bev, Glen, Cathy and Dave will go to help plant.
- Riparian Rangers Program has passed the first phase of approval. Information was requested on exact area and location of our areas of development. Walked thru the areas with Melissa Prout from ABCA was completed. ABCA has applied for grant.

4. **Other Business:**

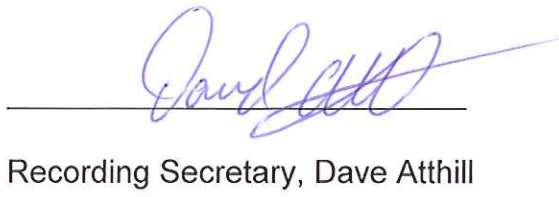
- Profile Book to be completed by end of May. Dorothy motioned that Nicki Cyr will do it for \$400, and Bev seconded. Dorothy handed out and reviewed information required to complete profile book with committee. Port Blake washroom plans near complete and engineer is working on ramps. Cathy and Dave will make up itineraries.
- Tree by the cement bridge has been designated as the pollination area for the Bees Matter Campaign. Ideas to distribute seeds and information are to take to the school and Exeter "Seed" Library.
- "Yard of the Week" CIB Blooming Award to start in Dashwood and see how community responses. Hopes to expand throughout all of South Huron.
- Dorothy handed out brochures about CIB. Explains what CIB is all about and how to get involved.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Glen and Cathy at 8:40 pm. The next meeting is June 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Verity room at the Municipal Office.



Chair, Cathy Seip



Recording Secretary, Dave Atthill