



South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Verity Room, Olde Town Hall

Members Present:

Cathy Seip, Chair
Dorothy Henderson, Vice Chair
Glen Nicholson
Beth Cooper
Craig Hebert, South Huron Councillor
George Wilson
Debbie Mountenay

Staff:

Dave Atthill

1. Meeting Called to Order

Cathy Seip, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Verity Room at the Olde Town Hall.

2. Agenda Update

None.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting of April 4, 2018.

Motion: 11-2018
Moved: D. Mountenay
Seconded: G. Wilson

That the minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting are hereby approved as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Discussion

5.1 **Home and Leisure Show**

It was cold outside that day which caused numbers to be down this year. Next year we will do our own advertising to ensure that it is put in the newspaper. 75 spider plants were planted and overall went really well.

5.2 **Pumpkin Contest**

Seeds were given out at the Home and Leisure Show. 10 packages of pumpkin seeds were given to each of the libraries.

5.3 **Memorial Garden at Huron Village**

Cathy presented the landscape plan to the committee. Debbie will write a letter to the Legion executive about Communities in Bloom offering help for the Legions outdoor responsibilities.

5.4 **Profile Book/Judges**

The judges will be here to visit on Tuesday, July 24th and Wednesday, July 25th. Cathy has booked rooms for the judges at the Gregory Bed and Breakfast in Exeter. The pavilion needs to be pressure washed and we need to figure out how to get water to the pavilion. We will use volunteers to clean up South Huron and areas along the route before the judges arrive.

What do we want for pictures in the profile book?

5.5 **Back Yard Oasis Landscape Area**

We should have a press release or put advertisements in the paper. July 1st is the deadline for the photo entry into the back yard oasis program.

5.6 **Tree Video**

13 people attended. The video was very interesting. Slow, very thoughtful, a little long, but excellent! The video described the importance of the trees in the environment. If every person planted 6 trees climate change would be reversed. The home version of video will be donated to the library for everyone to borrow.

5.7 **Barn Quilt Update**

There are currently 40 barn quilts up in South Huron. We can only submit 4x8 photos to the Ontario Barn Quilt website.

5.8 **Downtown Parkette**

A total of \$200 was donated from the Earth Day BBQ. Even though it was cold out that day, the event went well.

5.9 Garden of the Week

Dave is in charge of counting the number of signs. Cathy will have the details ready for the next meeting. We will check to see if new signs need to be ordered for this year.

5.10 Tree Sale

The weather was not good, so we did not sell a lot of trees. We may move the tree sale to the Cemetery next year instead of having it at the Town Shed. We are planning to have a second tree sale on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The advertisement is in the paper and on the Municipality's website.

6. Communications

Motion: 12-2018
Moved: D. Mountenay
Seconded: B. Cooper

That Cathy Seip is the Chair for this year, and the nomination of Dorothy Henderson to stay as Vice Chair.

Disposition: Carried

7. New Business

1. The itinerary for the judges will involve less time driving to locations in South Huron and more time set aside for discussion and information sharing. Megan Goss will organize judge's visit with the Municipality of South Huron management team. There will be more interaction with Municipal staff and visits with key partners will be planned during the judging July 24th to July 26th.
2. The creation of a book with all of the Exeter landscapes has been discussed. A tour to take pictures in the spring and late fall will assist in maintenance and the up-keep of the landscaping. It was suggested that George, Dave and Bonnie Sitter look after this task.
3. Dave will review the budget to see if we can send Debbie to nationals.

8. Adjournment

Motion: 13-2018
Moved: D. Henderson
Seconded: G. Nicholson

That the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee hereby adjourns at 7:48 p.m., to meet again on June 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Verity Room, Olde Town Hall or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Cathy Seip, Chair

David Atthill, Recording Secretary