

**Beautification Commission  
Minutes  
Thursday, May 30, 2019  
5:00-6:30 pm  
Novi Civic Center**

**Call to Order:** 5:05 pm

**Roll Call:** Colleen Crossey, Cindy Haley, Cindy Lang, Christen Pietraz, Jennifer Ryan, Isaly Szetela, Celia Todd, Laura Williams, Lindsay Wyskowski

**Excused:** Isaly Szetela

**Absent:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved Laura, Seconded Jen

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved Laura, Seconded Jen

**Old Business:**

**Current Projects:** The following projects were discussed:

1. National Wildlife Federation Certification (Laura & Colleen)
  - Kick-off at Spring Palooza was very positive
  - Oakland County has completed certification requirements
  - Booth at MSU Tollgate Plant Sale will be used to promote certification on June 1 from 9am to 2pm
2. 2019 Entryway Grants (Celia)
  - Discussion tabled for next meeting
3. Website Information
  - Discussion tabled for next meeting
4. Gateway Sign Adoption (Cindy L & Lindsay)
  - Project is to include park entrances—new title will be Gateway and Park Entrance Sign Adoption
  - Application form on city web site will reflect new title
5. Beautification Commission of SE Michigan Luncheon (Wendy, Celia & Cindy H.)
  - Hosting June 20, 2018 (58 attended last year)
  - Members are asked to bring in additional raffle gifts
  - Need volunteers to set up before 9:30 Meeting and should arrive at 8:00am
  - Plan to use fishbowls with sunflowers for centerpieces (approximately 8 tables)
    - Members are asked to check prices for cut sunflowers
  - Wendy will adapt a letter to take to businesses and email out June 3
  - Packets of sunflower seeds to be used as favors
  - Nametags will have sunflower stickers
  - Celia obtained dessert prices from bakery rep Jenny who is available from 6:30am to 3:00pm
  - Novi anniversary calendars will be available for distribution
  - Wendy will contact Commission regarding invocation by Frank Vermano
  - Christen will provide stands for information cards

6. Keep Michigan Beautiful Award 2019 (Celia)
  - Discussion tabled for next meeting
  - Possible entries are NWF project and Entryway Grant project
7. Home/Neighborhood decorating and landscaping recognition (Jen, Lindsay, Cindy H)
  - Discussion tabled for next meeting
8. Fuerst Park Monarch Waystation maintenance & Rain Garden at Rotary Park
  - Cindy L will check possible dates with Rick Meader
  - Members may also work individually at their convenience

**New Business: Tabled for next meeting**

- Fall Care Days
  - Could consider a pre-school project on a weekday morning
- Fall Perennial Exchange
  - Could consider a seed exchange for spring next year
- Possible trip to Belle Isle this summer
  - Islay will check on available tours
- Need to designate a fund-raising chairman

**Grants:**

Waste Management

- Signage for Monarch Garden
- NWF Certification

**Events:**

June 1, 2019, MSU Tollgate Plant Sale (First Saturday in June)—Jen, Cindy L, Colleen

June 1, 2019, Novi Road Cemetery Clean-up (9-11 am)

June 8, 2019, Spring Perennial Exchange—8:30am-10:30am Christen, Jen; 10:30am-12:30pm Colleen, Cindy H

June 20, 2019, SE Michigan Beautification Commission Luncheon

**Meetings:**

June 10, July 15, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, December 9

**Adjournment:** 6:15 pm Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen