

**Beautification Commission
Minutes
Monday, December 9, 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: Colleen Crossey

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen

Approval of Agenda: Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen

Old Business:

Current Projects: The following projects were discussed:

1. National Wildlife Federation Certification (Laura & Colleen)
 - On hold for school presentations in connection with spring garden projects
 - Laura has school contact
 - Laura will do a write-up for use with HOA's
 - Lindsay will build off Laura's write-up for 2020 media blast
2. 2020 Entryway Grants (Celia)
 - One application has been received to date
 - Application deadline is February 1, 2020
 - Requirements to be corrected to reflect that home and condo developments are eligible (not apartment complexes)
3. Website Information
 - To be posted on Next Door instead
4. Gateway and Park Entrance Sign Adoption (Cindy L, Lindsay and Isaly)
 - Entryway Grant criteria to be used for sign adoption requirements
 - Draft requirements and application to be finalized in January
 - Christen can contact a representative of the Girl Scouts to check on their interest
5. Home/Neighborhood decorating and landscaping recognition (Jen, Lindsay, Cindy H)
 - Sample pictures of decorations and landscaping should be sent to Wendy for Nathan
 - Postings to start in April
6. Fuerst Park Monarch Waystation maintenance & Rain Garden at Rotary Park
 - Tabled until spring

Grants:

Waste Management

- Signage for Monarch Garden
- NWF Certification
- Christen found that 501(c3) Tax ID# for City of Novi needed for application

Discussion:

Perennial Exchange

- Nature. Nurture. Novi has agreed to take over event

Events:

April 4, 2020, Knapp Cemetery Clean-up

April 18, 2020, MSU Tollgate Earth Day

April 25, 2020, Arbor Day at Fuerst Park

May 16, 2020, River Day at Rotary Park

May 29, 2020, Spring Palooza

Timetable for 2020 Entryway Grant Program:

January 7, 1-5pm or January 9, 8am-noon, Information Sessions

February 1, Application Deadline

March 9, Beautification Commission Review of Applications

April, City Council Review of Beautification Commission Recommendations and Council Awarding of Grants

October 30, Project Completion Deadline

Meetings:

January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

Adjournment: 6:10 pm Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen