

**Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission**  
**January 27, 2010**

Chairman Greg Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mary Ann Boos, Ronnie Bubonics, Dottie Cirino, Debbie Edelman, Ron Ely, Becky Haller, Patty Fowler, Barbara Joyce, Sandy Luther, Andrew Macuga, Chris Mlachak, Becky Podoba, Greg Taylor. A quorum was declared.

New KWB member Rebecca Podoba and Council rep Ron Ely were welcomed to the group. Also present were David Krych, Council President and Jim Bala, Ward 1 Councilman. New packets for 2010 were distributed to all Commission members, including the proposed project dates and roster information.

Nominations Chairperson Mary Ann Boos presented the slate of officers for 2010. Sandy Luther motioned and Barb Joyce seconded the nomination of Debbie Edelman as Chairperson and the vote for her appointment was unanimous. Ronnie Bubonics motioned and Sandy Luther seconded the nomination of Chris Mlachak as Vice-Chairman and the vote for his appointment was unanimous. Mary Ann Boos motioned and Chris Mlachak seconded the nomination of Ronnie Bubonics as Treasurer and the vote for her appointment was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ronnie Bubonics moved to accept the October 21, 2009, minutes with and Barb Joyce seconded. Motion carried and minutes were unanimously approved.

**Communications/Correspondence:** Fowler read thank you notes from The Cleveland Botanical Gardens thanking us for participation in national America Recycles Day at their site on November 14 & 15. Thank you notes were also received from Karl and Jane Kramp in appreciation for their award gifts as Yard of the Year and from the Center for Pastoral Leadership in appreciation of the Awards Banquet.

Patty collected the committee sign-up forms from each member to establish the project groups for the 2010 programs.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ronnie Bubonics reported on the treasury balance as of January 27, 2010. Chris Mlachak moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Sandy Luther seconded. The report was unanimously approved. The proposed 2010 KWB budget was distributed. Chris Mlachak moved to accept the 2010 Budget and Sandy Luther seconded. The budget was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Business:** Ronnie Bubonics asked that members look for potential Bright Spot winners as the spring approaches.

**Legislation:** Ron Ely, Ward 3 Councilman, is our new Council Representative. He will give us updates on Council activities at our future meetings.

**Great American Cleanup:** KWB has applied for a Litter Grant from ODNR and the results of the grant awards are due to be released this Friday, January 29, 2010. The maximum grant award is \$2,000. The 2010 GAC in Wickliffe will be from March 26 to May 15, with the Freeway Ramp Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, March 27. 1

**Publicity:** All events are on the website, cable channel and will be detailed in the latest *Wickliffe Connection* which is due out any day now. Patty is getting calls already about Shred Your Files Day, and the date has been posted on the website home page, on the website Channel 12 link, and on Channel 12.

**Recycling:** Chris Mlachak reported on the 2010 Special Collections dates by the County. Ohio Mulch is now collecting PCs for free at their location on East 289<sup>th</sup> St. Because of this, KWB will not host its annual collection on May 8<sup>th</sup>, but will only host its Shred Files collection on that date. In 2009, we collected 148.79 tons of paper at the City Paper Retriever bins, collecting \$2,942.90 for this collection.

**Rose Garden:** Fowler said that we did not get to winterize the Rose Garden this past fall. Hopefully the roses will make it through the winter without losing too many. Spring pruning is scheduled for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Cal Schroeck of the Cleveland Rose Society will again lead the pruning demonstration. Patty attended the Cleveland Rose Society meeting this week and asked them to assist us with this project again this year. The Commission agreed to host the Cleveland Rose Society meeting in the Memorial Rose Garden on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the week after the Rose Garden Ceremony. Fowler will let them know of the invitation and meeting date.

**Ways and Means:** The raffles at the Awards Banquet generated \$576.00 which will be used to help purchase the flowers for our Flowers on the Avenue project.

**Yard of the Year:** No report. Mary Ann Boos encourages members to sign up for this committee and would like someone else to take the committee chair lead on this project.

**Education:** Becky Haller reported that activities are slow now due to the winter. Spring plantings around the school are being planned.

**Beautification:** The Wickliffe PRIDE in Bloom will meet next week with representatives from Middle Ridge Gardens to discuss the flower selections for the 2010 plantings.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Holiday Lighting** – The event was held on November 28, 2009, and was an open house format. There were over 300 people who attended during the 2-hour open house. Features included a model train set up, ice carver, Santa, refreshments on the patio and raffles for bicycles, gift certificates and toys. The Commission liked the format and felt that the ice carver was a good draw and very entertaining. They would recommend having inside again next year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Project Dates for 2010** – Patty distributed a list of projected dates for our 2010 KWB Projects, including the Great American Cleanup in the spring. The 2010 Lake County Special Collection dates were also discussed.

**Arbor Day Trees** – will be held on Thursday, April 29, tentatively scheduled for Orlando Park. The Commission approved the purchase of white pine and dogwood tree seedlings from the Lake County Soil & Water Conservancy District.

Ronnie Bubonics moved that the meeting be adjourned and Chris Mlachak seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next KWB meeting will be held on February 24, 2010, at 7:00 PM at Wickliffe City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fowler  
Program Director