

**Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission**  
**October 21, 2009**

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

**Members Present:** Mary Ann Boos, Ronnie Bubonics, Dottie Cirino, Becky Haller, Patty Fowler, Jim Garman, Sandy Luther, Andrew Macuga, Kara Maruszak, Chris Mlachak, Greg Taylor. **Excused:** Debbie Edelman, Barbara Joyce, Trisha Kostura. A quorum was declared.

**Approval of Minutes:** Fowler mentioned that the meeting date on the September minutes was incorrect but has been corrected for the file copy. Chris Mlachak moved to accept the September 23, 2009, minutes with correction and Ronnie Bubonics seconded. Motion carried and minutes were unanimously approved.

**Communications/Correspondence:** Fowler read an article from the *News-Herald* regarding the ODNR Litter Cleanup grant, which KWB has applied for. KAB has hired three former staffers from the National Recycling Coalition to strengthen KAB's recycling component. Kara Maruszak has been featured in a new LAKETRAN video that instructs users on how to ride the bus. The *News-Herald* mentioned our clothing collection and the last day for donations.

Patty sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the Clothing Distribution on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and the Holiday Lighting Open House on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ronnie Bubonics reported on the treasury balance as of October 21, 2009. Chris Mlachak moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mary Ann Boos seconded. The report was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Business:** The 2009 Bright Spot winners are featured on the City website and cable channel. Photos also appeared in the latest edition of the *Wickliffe Connection*.

**Legislation:** Luther encouraged all to vote in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> general election and to call any candidates for their position statements. The Empire Road project is proceeding and completion is hopeful for the end of October. The school board candidates will have a forum on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the High School.

**Great American Cleanup:** KAB has released the 2009 GAC results. A copy of the results was given to each commission member present. KWB has applied for the 2010 ODNR Litter Cleanup Grant, which has a maximum award of \$2000.

**Publicity:** All events are on the website, cable channel and were detailed in the latest *Wickliffe Connection*. The *News-Herald* had a news brief about the Clothing Collection.

**Recycling:** Chris Mlachak reported that phone book recycling will end on October 23. We collected 12.07 tons of paper in the Paper Retriever bins in September. We recycled 28 cell phones to Ecophones and will be receiving a check for \$17.25. Shred Your Files Day generated 2,000 pounds of shredded paper for recycling, and 2 cell phones. Chris distributed a handout on how degradable plastics contaminate the regular recyclable plastic stream. The City began its curbside leaf pick up this week.

**Rose Garden:** Fowler asked that everyone put December 5<sup>th</sup> on their calendar as a possible date to winterize the rose garden.

**Ways and Means:** The Awards Banquet invitations went out this week. Although we charge a dinner fee to attendees, it does not pay for the full amount of the meal. KWB offsets this with donations it has received through the year and its fundraisers, like the golf outing.

**Yard of the Year:** The Yard of the Year winners have been selected and their photos are posted on the City website, on the cable channel and were in the latest *Wickliffe Connection*. If you view the *Connection* via the City website, you can see the photos in color.

**Education:** No report.

**Beautification:** The Wickliffe PRIDE in Bloom volunteers removed the plants from the Euclid Avenue planters. Fowler asked for volunteers to remove the fountain grasses left in some of the planters. Dottie Cirino volunteered to do this.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**KWB Awards Night** – November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Wickliffe I&A Hall. The promotional thank you gift has been ordered and Fowler is working on the program.

**Clothing Collection/Distribution** – October 24<sup>th</sup>. Patty asked for 2 volunteers to help with at 8:30 AM to distribute bags to those attending the distribution. She also asked for 2 men to help with the tear down at 11:30 AM. Cleveland Job Corps will be sending some students out to help bag up the left over clothing and to take down the tables.

**Holiday Lighting** – November 28, Saturday, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The event will be an Open House inside City Hall this year. Volunteers signed up to help bake the pre-made cookie dough for the event. Patty will get the pre-made cookie dough and sugar toppings to them the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**America Recycles Day** will be held on November 14 & 15 at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and Keep Wickliffe Beautiful will host a table along with Keep Mentor Beautiful and the OSU Extension recycling coordinator. Patty and the OSU Ext. coordinator will not be able to attend due to schedule conflicts, so volunteers are needed to help staff the table on Saturday and Sunday. Patty will send out an email to all commission members requesting help in 2-hour segments. Ronnie & Dottie may be able to help on Saturday.

**Project Dates for 2010** – Patty distributed a list of projected dates for our 2010 KWB Projects, including the Great American Cleanup in the spring. This is our last formal meeting of the year and she wanted to give advance notice to the commission members about the 2010 dates.

**Commission Terms** – The terms of four current Commission members will be expiring in December 2009. Fowler has emailed these persons to ask if they would like to be recommended to the Mayor for another 2-year term.

**Mayor's Commission Dinner** – will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pine Ridge Country Club. Invitations will be sent to Commission members in the near future.

Ronnie Bubonics moved that the meeting be adjourned and Chris Mlachak seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The Commission then stuffed the car litter bags for the Shred Files event this coming Saturday.

The next KWB meeting will be held on January 27, 2010, at 7:00 PM at Wickliffe City Hall. Upcoming events include the Awards Banquet on November 10<sup>th</sup> and the Holiday Lighting Open House on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fowler  
Program Director