

Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission
September 23, 2009

Vice-Chairman Debbie Edelman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chairman Greg Taylor arrived minutes later and conducted the rest of the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: Barb Joyce moved to accept the August 26, 2009, minutes and Chris Mlachak seconded. Motion carried and minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications/Correspondence: Fowler read a thank you letter from Karl and Jane Kramp in appreciation of being selected Yard of the Year Ward 2. She also shared an article from the News-Herald regarding foreign objects in the yard waste at Ohio Mulch. Chris Mlachak was interviewed for the article. Sandy Luther announced that she will also be mentioning this in her *Wickliffe Connection* article.

Treasurer's Report: Fowler read the report for Ronnie Bubonics who was returning from a Recreation Dept bus trip. Chris Mlachak moved to accept the Treasurers Report and Sandy Luther seconded. The report was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business: The 2009 Bright Spot winners have been selected and include: Plaza Motel, East Side Farmers Market, El Charrito, Euclid Spring, PMC Industries and Powertrain Automotive. Their names and photos of the businesses are featured on the City website.

Legislation: Luther thanked those who voted in Wards 1 & 4 in the primary election. The City faces a \$400,000 decrease in tax collection this year, which will affect the budget. The City, along with the Center for Pastoral Leadership, Telshe Yeshiva and All Saints School, is opposing the liquor license application of the Suede Nightclub to be located in the Mosley Hotel, due to previous citations at their former location in Willoughby. The Empire Road project is proceeding and completion is hopeful for October. James Powers has been appointed the new Fire Chief.

Great American Cleanup: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Recycling: Chris Mlachak reported that phone book recycling has begun and will continue to October 23. Phone books may now be recycled in the green & yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bins. HHW collection will be on Saturday, October 3rd, at the Lake Co. Fairgrounds from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We collected 11.28 tons of paper in the Paper Retriever bins in August. 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.

Greg Taylor added that Lubrizol Corporation made the list of the Top 500 Green Companies in the United States, coming in at #197. Congratulations, Lubrizol!

Rose Garden: No report.

Ways and Means: No report.

Yard of the Year: The Yard of the Year winners have been selected and their photos are posted on the City website.

Education: No report.

Beautification: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycle Night at Football Game was held on September 4th. Recycling game was the tossing of plastic beverage bottles into recycling bins. The Green Devils ecology group from the high school assisted with the games and wore the mascot costumes. Suggestions for next year included switching games to keep it interesting for the kids. Also, to check if the children will be allowed out of the stands during the game. This year they were told to stay in the stands and the police enforced this. If so, we will change our format for next year.

Fall Shred Files Event – to be held on September 26 from 9:00 AM – Noon at the Coulby Park recycling site. Chris Mlachak and Jim Garman volunteered to unload cars for the event. Andrew Macuga (not present) also volunteered to help. The Commission stuffed car litter bags to be given out to those dropping off paper at the event.

Litter Index – September 19. We had two teams of 3-4 people to help with this survey. It took about 1.5 hours to complete. Our Litter Index rating was 1.29 this year, and was 1.31 last year. A rating of 1.0 is “not littered” and 2.0 indicates “slightly littered”. We are “barely littered”!

KWB Awards Night – November 10. The Awards Banquet Committee met to discuss the program, plan for entertainment and discuss the fundraisers for the event. Many thanks to Barb Joyce, Ronnie Bubonics and Mary Ann Boos for volunteering to help with this event.

Holiday Lighting – November 28, Saturday, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The event will be an Open House inside City Hall this year, with tree decorating by Macy’s, a model train setup by the Western Reserve Model RR Museum, Mr. & Mrs. Claus and carolers inside City Hall. An ice carver will create a display on the terrace outside the patio. Patty suggested that we bake pre-made dough cookies this year, instead of purchasing store bought ones. She priced these at GFS and they are reasonable. Volunteer bakers will be needed to help bake off the cookies.

Fowler announced that the Recreation Dept. needs helpers for the Craft Fair on October 2 & 3. If you can help, call Ronnie Bubonics at the Recreation Department.

Chris Mlachak moved that the meeting be adjourned and Sandy Luther seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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 October 28, 2009, at 7:00 PM at Wickliffe City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fowler
Program Director