

Hanna In Bloom Council Committee
Regular Meeting
Town of Hanna Meeting Room
Wednesday February 15, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jordan Moench, Jason Smith, Pam Berry, Jerry Kruse, Helen Standing, Karen Frobb, Patty Blocksom, Gwen Snell

Regrets: Donna Buchfink, Lou Lallier, Jackie Hensel, Will Warwick

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Jason Smith.

MOTION: P. Berry – J. Kruse

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include discussion regarding Seedy Saturday for 2017.

Carried.

MOTION: J. Kruse - P. Berry

That the minutes of November 30, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Financial Report: Balance as of January 31, 2017 is \$1,376.19

Correspondence:

Town of Hanna – Spring Registration Evening and Canada 150 reminder

Election of Officers:

It was noted that Jason Smith is Vice Chairperson

There were no volunteers for the position of Treasurer or Secretary

It was agreed to table the Election of Vacant Positions to the next meeting.

Volunteer Passport: Karen Frobb indicated that the draft passport that was circulated was not her vision for what the Hanna in Bloom Committee would develop. She was looking for a broader, community wide brochure that would include information and participation from more groups and organizations such as the museum and the school. Concern was expressed regarding who would be in charge of developing and administering the program.

ACTION: Karen Frobb will develop a Volunteer Passport that represents her vision and proposed layout. She will present at the next Hanna in Bloom meeting for members to consider as a communities in bloom program or initiative.

Seedy Saturday: Consensus of the group was to proceed with the Seedy Saturday Program for 2017. It will be held on Saturday May 27 in the morning. Will be held in partnership with the Hanna Museum again this season.

Sandy Checkle will be the speaker. The event will include a garden craft, perennial exchange and lunch. Fee of \$10.
Registration will be at the Town office.

ACTION: Karen Frobbs will provide Gwen Snell with posters once details are confirmed. Registration forms will be put into place once posters and information is confirmed.

Bees Matter:

Lamb's ears – flowers attract bees. Should consider including in public spaces or town beds as it is an easy to grow perennial.

MOTION: P. Blocksom – K. Frobbs

Hanna In Bloom will participate in two BBQs at Super A this season.

Carried.

MOTION: P. Berry – K. Frobbs

That we register for the 2017 National Communities In Bloom Program.

Carried.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of volunteers and town resources was held. It was determined that this will need to be clarified as we move forward for national competition. Director Snell noted that the town is very supportive of the program but the resources are limited.

MOTION: P. Blocksom – K. Frobbs

That Hanna In Bloom register for Pitch In Week April 22 to 29, 2017.

Carried.

2017 Working list: (include in each meeting minutes for review and update)

- Include "Sidewalk program" in Profile book
- Street signs (faded and needing replacement) and unsightly premises are included in town budget
- ACTION: Gwen to provide information on cigarette butt containers to J. Smith for Chamber (*resolved – has information through local business*)
- ACTION: Lou and Pam will identify current locations with graffiti that needs to be addressed (*will address in spring again*)
- Park maintenance and spraying will be handled through Community Services department regular operations and maintenance
- ACTION: G. Snell to suggest a link to the form to report unsightly property if not already in place with the Town website
- Include "Store Front Improvement Program" in profile book

- ACTION: G. Snell to check on existing town policies regarding water conservation. If there are unwritten policies for departments (such as irrigation for parks) then encourage written policy to be developed.
- Encourage promotion on individual water conservation as cost savings to public.
- Include in profile book the businesses who contribute to environmental stewardship within our community. Include used cooking oil recycling, etc.
- Mulching is already being encouraged – include in Profile book.
- Use of rain barrels could be encouraged through promotions
- Memorial Park water fountain – included in regular operations with the town.
- ACTION: K. Frobb will speak with the Hanna Museum about signage to promote the museum on highways.
- ACTION: G. Snell is to inquire about including directional signage for Museum with town signs.
- J. Moench reported that he has permission to reuse the bricks from the Primary School for an outdoor classroom.
- Signage to promote and identify our facilities is included in the budget for Town. (*in progress*)
- ACTION: G. Snell to inquire if there could be a more visible display case on the exterior of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) – for travellers who stop in after regular operating hours.
- ACTION: K. Frobb will look into the historical tour of home and businesses to see if it can be revised or updated. Not sure who would do this project.
- ACTION: G. Snell is completing the Tree Policy and bylaw, delayed due to illness
- Include our participation in Dutch Elm Disease promo in Profile Book
- ACTION: G. Snell to include formal tree planting schedule
- ACTION: G. Snell will propose a program for “Adopt a Tree and Donations”
- Include the Cemetery program for headstone care in Profile Book
- G. Snell has been in discussions re: rear entrance sign for Memorial park. This will be included in regular budget and operations.
- Include rental policies in Profile book.
- ACTION: K. Frobb has been in discussions with Ducks Unlimited regarding interpretive signs. She will follow up and include G. Snell for town parks and trails.
- ACTION: Scrapbook should include all workshops and items relating to Hanna in Bloom events.
- Add information on Community Garden to Profile Book
- ACTION: Promote the backyard garden contest early
- Include information on the pollinator bed and Bees Matter garden in Profile book
- ACTION: G. Snell to arrange for signage for Bees Matter to be included in park
- Include the Blooms to You and Winter Blooms information in detail in profile book

- ACTION: Committee to tour the proposed tour in May – well in advance of the judges coming to ensure that we have everyone informed of what is expected and what things may be addressed prior to judging.
- Cardboard recycle at Super A & Freson Bros parking lot. Send letter to Big Country Waste Management.

The 2017 list was reviewed. It was noted that many items are to be included in the Profile Book. This is detailed book that is available in an electronic format on line through the Communities in Bloom website. Assistance from volunteers with the writing and content may be required. It was noted that it does take a considerable amount of time.

Garden Tour: It was discussed that a garden tour for Canada 150 would be a great addition. Pam Berry and Karen Frobb will work it and bring back to Hanna in Bloom for further discussion.

Next Meetings: April 19, May 17, June 14, 2017

MOTION: P. Blocksom – P. Berry
That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

President

Secretary