

Hanna In Bloom Council Committee
Regular Meeting
Town of Hanna Meeting Room
Wednesday March 16, 2016

Members Present: Karen Frobb, Pam Berry, Jason Smith, Patty Blocksom, Jackie Hensel, Jerry Kruse, Gwen Snell

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Jason Smith

MOTION: K.Frobb - P. Berry

That the regular minutes of January 13, 2016 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising:

Registration Fair

There was very little interest in our table. Most people were attending the event to register for a sport or activity and then leaving quickly. Better to try a different event.

Recommendation: That we do not participate in the future.

Community Historical Book:

Patty Blocksom has approached one person. They are considering. Patty will follow up to see if they are interested.

Community Profile Book:

Karen Frobb has approached several groups to see if they would completed a short write up on their organization and their accomplishments. She will follow up further.

National Communities in Bloom

Director Snell indicated that the registration has been completed and sent in. The Town of Hanna is registered for the National Communities in Bloom for 2016.

Pitch IN Week

Director Snell indicated the community is registered with the national Pitch IN Week.

Financial Report

❖ Bank balance as of February 29, 2016 is \$1,743.38

Motion: J. Kruse – P. Berry

That the financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence

- National Communities in Bloom RE: Call for National hosts
- Seniors Awards 2016 – call for nominations
- 2016 National awards reminder of registration

ACTION: Gwen Snell will inquire as to the criteria and requirements for hosting a National Communities in Bloom awards session.

HANGING BASKET FUND RAISING EVENT:

P. Berry reported that orders are coming in for the baskets. Deadline for ordering is April 15, 2016. Anyone wishing to secure the weekender planter needs to order by then as we are only placing one order this season.

DECORATIVE BARRELS:

It was noticed that Super A has decorated their barrel for spring. Very nice. P. Berry will ensure that she takes a picture of it. This picture will be forwarded to the newspaper and social media. This is the type of response that we were hoping to achieve with the barrels – businesses decorating for the season.

CONSENSUS: SUPER A BBQ

The group felt that they would like to continue with participating in the Super A BBQ as a fundraising event if it is available to us again this year. Patty Blocksom will submit the Hanna in Bloom for consideration.

SEEDY SATURDAY

K. Frobb reported that she had been in discussions with the Hanna Museum to develop a one day plant and seed exchange. In their discussions it was felt that there could be a demonstration pallet garden; seeds, books, etc to give away; childrens fairy garden, workshop, etc. Sandy Checkel of “Checkel Greenhouse of Castor is confirmed that she will attend and speak on gardening. In addition there will be a perennial swap. Members were advised that the suggested date was Saturday May 14, 2016. It was noted that the posters could be developed by utilizing the template from the Seedy Saturday website. Details and time will be confirmed by the end of March 2016 in order to promote.

MOTION: P. Berry – P. Blocksom

That the Hanna in Bloom partner with the Hanna Museum to host a Seedy Saturday on Saturday May 14, 2016. **Carried.**

REVIEW OF 12015 EVALUATION:

It was decided to divide the evaluation up into six sections. Each individual will be responsible for one section. They are to identify what they feel is the top priority for that section. It must be considered “doable and achievable”. It was noted that items which are listed that are town responsibilities should be noted and directed to the appropriate department (ie. Community Services)

The following individuals agreed to review the noted sections:

- Tidiness - Patty Blocksom
- Environmental Action – Jerry Kruse
- Heritage Conservation – Karen Frobb
- Urban Forestry – Pam Berry
- Landscaping – Jackie Hensel (will ask if okay as Jackie had to leave early)
- Floral Display – Lou Lallier

MOTION: K. Frobb – J. Kruse

That Jordan Moench be accepted as our newest member on the Hanna in Bloom Committee.

Carried.

DISCUSSION: Fielding Place

There was discussion regarding the possibility of planting wild flowers in the area known as Fielding Place as it appears the area might not experience a lot of construction in the immediate near future. Poppies were discussed as a suggestion. Director Snell indicated that she would look into it.

SUGGESTION: It was noted that several groups and organizations support and work together in our community. This should be noted in the Community Profile book. I.e, Town works the Community Garden in spring, Hospital allows the Community Garden space, etc.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that we do not have a Vice Chairperson. Election of Officers is to be added to the next meeting agenda.

NEXT MEETING(s) DATE: Wednesday April 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday June 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: J. Smith

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.