

Hanna In Bloom Council Committee  
Regular Meeting  
Town of Hanna Meeting Room  
Wednesday April 27, 2016

**Members Present:** Lou Lallier, Karen Frobb, Pam Berry, Jason Smith, Patty Blocksom, Jerry Kruse, Gwen Snell

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Chairperson Lou Lallier

Agenda was amended to include discussion regarding the National Communities in Bloom judging in July.

**MOTION: J. Smith – J. Kruse**

That the regular minutes of March 16, 2016 be accepted as presented.

**Carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Fund Raising BBQ**

Freson Bros. now have some dates available for any groups that wish to participate.

Confirmed the following dates for Super A:

**Friday May 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Friday June 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Fielding Place:**

Director Snell indicated that she will continue to look into some possible solutions for wild flowers in the area

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**MOTION: J. Smith – K. Frobb**

That Lou Lallier be elected as Chairperson for Hanna in Bloom.

**Carried.**

**MOTION: L. Lallier – J. Kruse**

That Jason Smith be elected as Vice Chairperson for the Hanna in Bloom.

**Carried.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

❖ Bank balance as of March 31, 2016 is \$1,743.45

**MOTION: P. Berry - J. Kruse**

That the financial report be accepted as presented.

**Carried.**

## **POLINATOR GARDENS**

Our committee received information on “Bees Matter” and the importance of pollinator gardens. It was decided that Director Snell would submit a press release and the seeds would be available for pick up from the town office. This will ensure that those who take the seeds will have a better chance of planting the seeds.

A public location for a Pollinator Garden will be considered by the department.

**ACTION:** Director Snell will follow up with Jordan Moench regarding Pollinator Garden for JC Charyk School and possible participation..

## **HANGING BASKET FUND RAISING EVENT:**

P. Berry reported that orders were received for 33 hanging baskets. It is expected that the additional three pots will sell once they are on site.

Good fund raiser and looking forward to seeing how the “Weekender Pots” work.

## **PITCH IN WEEK**

Good participation from Hanna Minor Ball and Soccer. Town provided hot dogs and cold drinks to all volunteers helping clean up for the spring.

Groups were phoned and encouraged to participate.

Need to promote more for 2017 and get people enthused about participating.

Enguard PC supplied bags.

Primary school participated on Earth Day and was busy town-wide. Utilized 60 bags.

## **SEEDY SATURDAY**

Saturday May 14 with registration at 9:30 a.m. \$10 fee includes lunch

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hanna Museum

10 registrations to date. Expect good turn out.

Will include perennial exchange as well. Kids activity to start day off.

Plants and seeds for sale on site.

Pallet Garden demo

Lunch @ noon

Q & A following formal presentation

## **REVIEW OF 2015 EVALUATION:**

Each section was discussed with the priority for each area. The following list is viewed as the most practical - being “doable and achievable”. The priorities were identified as follows:

### **Tidiness**

Dumpster bins – good they are there and being used. Just unsightly.

Window beside post office – covered in papers, many not current

Action: Contact Big Country Waste to inquire if a solution can be found to address the unsightly look.

Action: Work with landlord to see what can be done to change appearance of the window. What would work, as people continue to use as community bulletin board.

**Environmental Action**

Compost (Establish one in town)

Action: Inquire if a possible location could be by the Community Garden for the garden waste there. Would be a good start.

**Heritage Conservation:**

Interpretive Signs for marshland areas

Action: Contact our local Ducks Unlimited and inquire about how to obtain an interpretive and educational sign to compliment the marsh areas such as VIC and CN reservoir.

**Urban Forestry:**

Establish and promote the recommended trees and care

Action: Proposed tree bylaw to be completed in draft form by end of July.

Action: Hanna in Bloom will host a tree workshop by mid 2017.

**Landscaping:**

Sprinkler use and timing

Action: continue to promote and encourage watering when not heat of day. Use of timers to limit use but still provide good coverage.

**Floral Display:**

Encourage more floral displays

Action: Highway signs will have planters this season

Action: Encourage more floral displays by private and business.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Snell reported that outdoor cigarette disposal units will be purchased through the regular budget. It was noted that the rear entrance of the Library, Legion Park and the Community Centre appear to be the areas which require the units most.

**NEXT MEETING(s) DATE:** Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION: J. Smith**

That the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m..

**Carried.**