

Minutes of the Friends of the Village meeting, February 22, 2016 held at the former Blyth Public School at 7:00.

Thank you to Rick Elliott for providing us with a meeting room and sharing his ideas for planters on main street.

Present: John Stadelmann, Sheron Stadelmann, Janice Peters, Donna Moore, Jessica VanderWal, Lauren VanderWal, Allison Elligson, Irene Kellins, Sharlene Bolen, Lissa Kolkman

#### Executive

Treasurer and signing authorities were established. Janice as treasurer, Donna and Sharlene as signing authorities. These 3 will set up a bank account and get the funds settled ASAP.

#### Forms etc

The waiver form was signed by the members present. We looked over the Terms of Reference provided by North Huron and settled on adopting it as is. There were no specific questions at this time about the form. Everyone agreed on the Vision printed on the agenda sent out by email.

#### Planter Boxes

Rick talked briefly about the idea of a collaboration between the Arts school and our group to design planters for the main street of Blyth or anywhere suited to the group's needs. A very rough estimate for the planters would be \$200 for 2' x2'. Any design or logo would be basically free as the students of the school would design and pay for materials through the course offered at the school. Questions were answered and the group discussed briefly the idea. We require further discussion on this matter. We do not want to rush into the plan, we have time to think about the details.

#### Greenway Trail

I talked about the possibility of someone spearheading events at the Greenway Trail. I have been approached by Doug Scrimgeour, a member of the Greenway Trail committee, to seek out replacements for the existing committee. Allison volunteered to consider the job and meet with Doug to find out more on the expectations. I will connect these 2 later in the spring.

#### Map

We discussed the idea of a flyer or map to direct people to the various gardens/green spaces in North Huron with a brief history of each and icons showing picnic areas etc. Allison volunteered to make up a prototype to bring to the next meeting. She was given carte blanche to create whatever she thought of and we would then work on a final draft from that.

#### Ideas

- Daylily garden at cemetery, horticultural park or memory garden
- Fence around Blyth cemetery needs work
- Garbage cans around town for winter season and doggie doo doo receptacle
- Facebook page set up to help get the word out about the group and their events. Allison or Sharlene will look at getting that off the ground. SORRY! I can't remember how it was left about who would do it but it needs to be started sooner rather than later. ☺

#### Fundraising

- Plant exchange/sale at Streetfest
- Sit at Scrimgeour's store for donations

Everyone loves the idea for the daylily. We will ask Mike Falconer to attend a meeting to tell us the details.

I will set up an informal meeting with North Huron Rec dept. to discuss planters and fundraising.

**SPRING CLEAN UP DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1:00 AT BLYTH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Rain date will be Sunday, April 24.

Everyone needed. Please bring garden tools, garbage bags etc. We will be touring the gardens and cleaning, trimming and doing whatever needs done to ready the beds. We may assign people to each garden to monitor over the summer.

Did I leave anything out?

Thanks for everyone's enthusiasm on this new venture and we will see you in April!

Lissa Kolkman

Liaison, Friends of the Village