

Keep Alliance Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes

04-30-2018

Members Present: Jenifer Clunk, Brittany Shields, Helen Miller, Marikay Colbert, Katherine Miller

Absent: Elyse Zelasko

Guest in Attendance: Joe Mazzola, Barbara Sferra, Marti Steiner

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the City Administration building. The minutes from the 9/25/2017 & 1/22/2018 meetings were motioned to be approved by Jenifer Clunk and second by Katherine Miller.

The coordinator report was given:

- A. Old Business: Coordination with GIS of Stark County Auditors is creating a process to maintain mowing through software. Joe Mazzola explained the mowing program will allow 5-6 mowing's versus 1-2 mowing's last year with funds from our recycling grant. Neighborhood Initiative Program has removed every vacant and tax delinquent property. Over 200 vacant and abandoned properties have been demolished through Moving Ohio Forward, CDBG, and NIP. With prior programs greening funds were not included, but with NIP there are 50 lots to be greened this spring. Hope has been restored with buyers willing to purchase homes next to vacant lots as opposed to abandoned homes.

- B. New Business – Introduced Marti Steiner as Keep Alliance Beautiful Project Specialist. All KAB Commission members welcomed and introduced themselves to Marti.

C. Main Street Planter dates are Tuesday, May 8th @ 6:00 PM with a rain date of Tuesday, May 15th @ 6:00 PM. This was approved by the commission members at meeting, but confirmation was noted on Wednesday, May 2nd. This decision was confirmed after commission member Brittany Shields met with a boys scout meeting on Tuesday, May 1st for their participation in the event. New flowers this year white wave petunias, celosia new look, and salvia red are being purchased from Marlinton Horticulture Department. The cost for the planters is \$482.25 which is a cost increase from last year, but we are adding additional flowers to each planter. We will not be planting sweet potato vines this year. The focus is red and white flowers to represent Alliance. DeHoff's has donated three large planters that are to be filled with flowers from Marlinton Horticulture Department that Keep Alliance Beautiful is purchasing and to be displayed at the Main Street Pocket Park. All flowers will be in before the Memorial Day Parade.

D. Recycling totals for the first quarter were as follows:

- January – 82.64 Tons
- February – 79.40 Tons
- March – 78.98
- Total First Quarter 2018 – 241.02

Only a small increase since 4th quarter of 239.54 tons. Keep Alliance Beautiful is going to work on a flyer to go out through water billing to explain the benefits of recycling, and how the City's recycling program directly benefits Keep Alliance Beautiful.

E. No other business was presented at the meeting.

Katherine Miller motioned for adjournment and Brittany Shields second @ 5:27 PM

The next scheduled meeting is for July 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.