

Keep Alliance Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes

07-22-2019

Members Present: Sharon Andreani, Helen Miller, Marikay Colbert, Elyse Zelasko, Jocelyn Zeedrich, Marti Steiner, Joe Mazzola, Barb Sferra (Mayor's designee)

Absent: Jamie Greiner, Brittany Shields, Kathryn Miller, Beth Gray

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the City Administration building. The minutes from the 04-22-2019 meeting was motioned to be approved by Helen Miller and seconded by Elyse Zelasko.

The coordinator report was given:

A. Old Business: A recycling tonnage spreadsheet detailing tonnage from 2012 through 2nd quarter of 2019 was circulated, and tonnage numbers are down 61 tons from 1st quarter (350.60-289.57 tons). Clarification was made on the safe use of biosolids for flower and vegetable plants after Chuck McLaugherty, Mount Union University biology professor, compared 1st quarter numbers to EPA standards. Residents are encouraged to pick up biosolids for use in their gardens, and publicity is word of mouth, KAB Facebook page, and the city of Alliance's website. Cub Scout Pack 2052 watered the Main Street planters Saturday, July 20, as a community service project. Discussion ensued regarding intent of "Ordinance to improve and streamline the Keep America Beautiful Commission" enacted in 2006 to elect chairperson and vice-chairperson from among voting members. With meetings held only 4 times/year, as opposed to other commissions, elections seem excessive and unnecessary. City Council needs to make changes, if warranted, since that is outside of KAB's jurisdiction.

B. New Business: Marti suggested cleaning/painting the Alliance monuments leading into the city as a KAB project. Hilles Monument offered cleaning supplies/paint and a tutorial if we are willing to do the labor. Three volunteers to conduct Alliance's annual litter index are needed in September before the leaves fall. Joe gave us an update on ongoing projects: bikeway, Main St paved, sections of State St will be paved, Union Ave corridor decorative lighting/curbs, fire hydrant painting, lawn mowing best he's seen despite rain. Joe is involved in Strengthening Stark, which has 4 categories of emphasis, one being "quality places." Appearance affects investment, especially around gateways and corridors.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:01 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is October 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

