

Keep Alliance Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes

04-22-2019

Members Present: Sharon Andreani, Brittany Shields, Helen Miller, Marikay Colbert, Kathryn Miller, Elyse Zelasko, Jocelyn Zeedrich, Beth Gray, Marti Steiner

Absent: Jamie Greiner

Guest in Attendance: Joe Mazzola, Barbara Sferra

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the City Administration building. The minutes from the 1-28-2019 meeting was motioned to be approved by Brittany Shields and seconded by Kathryn Miller.

The coordinator report was given:

- A. Old Business: A recycling tonnage spreadsheet detailing tonnage from 2012 through 1st quarter of 2019 was circulated along with Recycling Makes Sense Grant money received by Alliance from 2016-2018. First quarter 2019 tonnage increased significantly with reasons unknown. Discussion ensued on the best way to notify residents: social media posts, message with water billing, press release, word of mouth. The Main Street planters will contain white wave petunias, red begonias, and a center spike. Brittany's scout troop will assist in planting May 14 @ 5:00 p.m. Joe Amabeli released a first quarter 2019 report on the exceptional quality biosolids available at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Currently, Joe has no protocol for delivery, but has no problem loading biosolid product into residents' personal vehicles. The city would like to "recycle" biosolids among the community to avoid considerable cost trucking it to landfills. Meg Mundy with Community Gardens of Alliance was cautious about using biosolids on vegetable gardens due to potential pharmaceuticals, especially when distributing produce to community.
- B. New Business – Maple Beach Park clean-up organized by a city resident is scheduled for 1st three Saturdays in May from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Parks Dept provided supplies, and Kimble may provide a roll-off container. Keep Akron Beautiful has a trailer available for Akron area clean-ups, and Chris Zufall asked what size we may want as a possibility for the future. Brittany is looking for city projects for her scout troop to complete service hours. Suggestions included flags at the cemetery, community gardens. Marti referred to the KAB Commission ordinance

stating that a community member is to lead the meeting as opposed to her. No one seemed excited at the prospect. Joe Mazzola reported on future private sector landscaping anticipated by Arby's on State St, Stark Federal Credit Union on Sawburg Ave, and the triangular area at an expanded Circle K on Union Ave. The Union Ave corridor project with new sidewalks and lights will add beauty to a main street of the city. Stark Parks is removing trees and debris on the old rail line parallel to Union Ave to connect the recreational bike/walk trail at the northern and southern edges of the city, ridding the city of popular dumping grounds.

The meeting was adjourned @ 4:58 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is for July 22, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.