

Minutes of the Port Byron Green Committee
June 20, 2018 – Port Byron Village Hall
7:00 p.m.

The Port Byron Green Committee met on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

1. Call to Order: The Green Committee meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Sarah Ford.

2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum:

Roll Call: Present: Sarah Ford, Emily Skelton, Wes Wells, and Jill Schutts.

3. Approve Minutes: Wes made a motion, seconded by Emily, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting. All in favor and motion passed.

4. Old Business:

a. Third Thursday/Baby Blues Fest booth – Committee members discussed having a booth at Third Thursday, which could include info about the farmers’ market, brochures, a raffle prize, and free seeds. Since the event was the next day and there was little preparation done, the committee decided to hold off, possibly until the next event on July 19, but would set up a booth at Baby Blues Fest to distribute free seeds and info. Members would coordinate time as the event neared.

b. Use of chemicals: Sarah received information that the chemicals purchased through the village may not have been used, even though there was evidence of their shipment in a purchase and reimbursement order. Since there was lack of evidence regarding their use, the committee decided to not pursue the issue, other than drafting a proposed ordinance to limit use of herbicides and pesticides in public spaces and next to waterways.

c. Prairie garden kiosks: Wes stated that the mayor requested that he coordinate the cleanup and installation of materials in the kiosks. Jill said her son and his cousin were also asked to help with the project, and they were working out a time to do it. The topic then switched to bringing in the musical instruments to the prairie park, since that was the original desired location. The structures could be placed as far away as possible from the tracks, but since the kiosks were installed, it’s possible that the instruments could go there too. Wes said the space would need to be measured and detailed plans drawn up, but the board may be up for it if presented and all questions answered.

d. Farmers’ Market: Jill reported that the market was going very well, with new applications received and up to 8 vendors committed so far. Safety cones are needed to help block off the driveway to the market. Sarah said local businesses should be approached about setting up for one market day, in order to promote their business in town. Local musicians would be a nice attraction to add. Overall, the market is gaining traction and more customers are showing up.

5. New Business:

a. Monthly cleanup: The committee discussed having a monthly event to help tackle problem areas around the village. They agreed that the bike path between Port Byron and Cordova may be a good site to clean up litter in July. Could there be coordination with Cordova to get a few more volunteers? A tentative date was set for July 21 in the morning. Follow up would be necessary to finalize a date and time.

6. Gallery Comments: None.

7. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Committee, Sarah made a motion, seconded by Emily, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Ford