

Petrolia's In Bloom Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2013

Opening The regular meeting of the Petrolia in Bloom (PIB) Committee held in the Kerr Building was called to order at 7 pm by Dave Menzies.

Present Jean Windover, Lynne Heppler, Alice Sitek, Joanne DeJean, Dave Menzies, Heidi McNabb, and Mary-Pat Gleeson.

Regrets Carmel Levecque, Denise Thibeault, Patricia Traichavich, Larry Leckie, Evelyn Stewartson, Ann Gelinas, Betty Tetrault, Steve Cardiff, Julia Cardiff, Dawn McNally, Jim Garret, Larry Leckie, Wendy McLean, Ruth Montgomery-Wilson, Harvey Wilson, Cindy Sharp, Stuart Sharp, and Suzanne Nijak.

Welcome

Dave Menzies welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm.

Reports

Jean Windover reported on *impatiens downy mildew*, a disease affecting common garden impatiens (*Impatiens walleriana*). She believes that some of the impatiens planted in Petrolia were infected. The disease is so devastating because the spores can live in host plants that do not get the disease. It is recommended not to replant impatiens for 3 – 5 years and as well many nurseries will not be selling them. Breeders are working on a new variety that is immune. The more sun-tolerant New Guinea impatiens is bred from a different species and is tolerant to the disease. Mary-Pat Gleeson will arrange to have an article about downy mildew in the next Connection.

Joanne DeJean reported that she has about 3 dozen hostas potted up for sale in the spring. She would like PIB members to mention to friends that we would like the opportunity to help divide their perennials this fall and thereby gain plants to sell. Mary-Pat will add this in the Connection as well.

New Business

Jean Windover for Betty Thetrault: The boulevard bed in front of the wine store needs the wooden box removed. Dave Menzies to action

Discussion of next year's colours had no conclusion but centered on Petrolia's 140th Anniversary and IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter's 65th Anniversary. The town colours are white and green IODE's are red, white and green.

Motioned: Alice Sitek 2nd: Joanne Dejean

THAT the colours for 2014 be decided at our next meeting.

CARRIED PIB-01-09/10/13

The roses in the 5 Library planters need to be replaced. Jean recommended that we plant them with Hibiscus.

Motioned: Lynn Heppler 2nd: Heidi McNabb

THAT the roses in the 5 planters be replaced with Hibiscus.

CARRIED PIB-02-09/10/13

Heidi McNabb and Joanne DeJean cleaned up the shade garden beside Scotia Bank in September. Most of the vines had been cut down in the spring and Heidi asked if we could find something to create a focal point on the back wall. Dave Menzies will look into what is available.

Heidi McNabb raised the possibility of Petrolia naming a town flower. She mentioned White Rose gasoline, a brand of the National Refining Company which played a part in Petrolia's history. We could plant white roses and also sell them for fund raising. Fund raising could work particularly well if we had a rose that is named for the town and if we had them for an anniversary year. Heidi will be presenting this idea to the Heritage committee in October. Heidi will survey to find out preference of carpet, miniature or shrub rose and Jean Windover will look into pricing and availability.

Motioned: Dave Menzies 2nd: Jean Windover

That if the Heritage Committee moves forward with a Petrolia town flower, Petrolia in Bloom will work with them to advance it.

CARRIED PIB-03-09/10/13

Adjournment

Motioned: Heidi McNabb 2nd: Alice Sitek

That the Petrolia's in Bloom Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:00pm

CARRIED PIB-04-09/10/13

The next general meeting will be at 7pm on Nov 13, 2013.

Minutes submitted by: Joanne DeJean

Approved by: Dave Menzies