

KEEP LAKE BEAUTIFUL MEETING
August 25, 2015

The Keep Lake Beautiful Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Lake County Administration Building, Tavares, Florida. The Chairman, Darla Scoles was present. Vice Chairman Brent McCallister was present. The Municipal Representative in attendance was: Cathy Hoechst. The School Board Member in attendance was: Marc Dodd. The Civic Organization Member in attendance was: Melissa Simmes. The Citizen Representative in attendance was Dina Sweatt. The Commissioner Liaison in attendance was: Leslie Campione. The Staff Representatives in attendance were Brian Sheahan, Director of Community Safety and Compliance, Jamie Davis, Public Hearing Coordinator and Amanda Pentz, Office Associate for Lake County Code Enforcement.

PLEDGE

Chairman Dara Scoles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

All attending members re-introduced themselves to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brian Sheahan asked the committee to review the Minutes from the July 28, 2015 Meeting. Chairman Darla Scoles stated the Minutes needed to be amended to reflect her correct name as Chairman. The amended Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Brian Sheahan gave the committee an overview of the upcoming projects. The dates, times and addresses were on the agenda for review. It was stated that the garbage haulers will provide an open container on each site. Niagara bottling is donating water for the volunteers. Senninger Irrigation will be sending volunteers to the South Lake location and contributing coolers to keep the water cold. Household Hazard Waste will be at the East Lake Location to accept hazard waste materials. Staff will be assigned to certain locations. Brian Sheahan stated there will be a press release as well as fliers distributed for the clean-up scheduled September 19th. Once the fliers are created they will be emailed to the committee to distribute to their own contacts. There will also be a website created for volunteers to sign up online.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Brian Sheahan stated that Niagara Bottling would like to do a water conservation project at Groveland Elementary. Niagara Bottling would like to do the project in the fall, possibly early November. The project would be open to the public. The committee supported the idea and approved it to proceed forward with scheduling.

Reagan Wooster spoke on behalf of Florida Key Club International and their involvement and upcoming projects with Keep America Beautiful Affiliates. The committee stated their support in working with Florida Key Club and suggested possible projects and areas that need to be cleaned-up. The committee agreed to come up with possible projects prior to the next meeting scheduled for September 22nd.

COMMUNITY LITTER REPORTING SOFTWARE DEMONSTRATION

Sue Carroll presented the new software to the committee and demonstrated its uses for the public to go online and report litter issues.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Brian Sheahan asked the committee to provide an update on their individual tasks that they were assigned. Melissa Simmes stated she is working with Habitat for Humanity and the Community Revitalization efforts and that they will notify her of any upcoming projects that KLB could partner with and for us to notify them of any potential clean-up projects. The volunteer coordinator for Habitat stated he will notify Melissa Simmes of any groups that would be willing to help with clean-ups. Brian Sheahan will be provided with their contact information. Marc Dodd stated he provided information to the School Superintendent but was met with some resistance due to curriculum requirements. Stated he would continue to follow up. Marc Dodd also addressed the possibility of distributing fliers within the school but due to school policy of not allowing fliers KLB flier cannot be distributed at this time. Brian Sheahan will be provided with a list of school guidance counselors to email them information about possible volunteer information.

Darla Scoles stated she was able to contact LSCC regarding their volunteer opportunities but they have a strict process. Stated she will email the flier to them but LSCC is responsible for notifying students of possibly volunteer opportunities. Darla Scoles stated she will continue to work with the school on this issue.

Commissioner Leslie Campione did not have an update on the Wildflower planting but stated she spoke with Duke Energy regarding the tree trimming issue. Duke Energy will respond to specific requests to have areas trimmed more frequently. Brian Sheahan will be provided with contact information for Duke Energy to see if they would be willing to speak at an upcoming meeting. Brent McCallister stated he contacted Orange County regarding their tree planting and pruning process and gave information regarding the proper pruning of trees. Brian Sheahan stated that Lake County does not have a certified arborist on staff but that some city jurisdictions do.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Chairman opened up the floor for the committee to ask any questions or make comments they may have. Commissioner Campione stated that she has noticed an improvement in the amount of trash that was accumulating by the trash cans.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chairman announced the next meeting will be on September 22, 2015 and October 19, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.


DARLA SCOLES, CHAIRMAN