Michigan City in Bloom  
Meeting Notes  
July 11, 2019  

Those in attendance: Mary Ann Pawlicke, Kent Lange, Chris Vanderborg, Mary Rooney  

1. The meeting began with airing concerns about the current situation regarding signs and sign recipients. Those concerns include the following:  
   
a. Many recipients from 2018 are not displaying their signs, for whatever the reason (Displaying of signs helps our beautification mission).  
   
b. Signs have been stolen, and we haven’t been notified so we can replace them.  
   
c. Sign recipients from last year moved and did not inform our committee, either taking the sign with them to a yard that does not meet our standards or moving out of town and not returning their sign.  

All of these situations were discussed and put in writing in our 2019 letter which went out to all 2018 participants. Mary wanted an opinion if whether we should send new letters, leave it alone, or deal with it another way. Chris said she would include this information on Facebook, and instead of just listing our concerns on the Michigan City in Bloom page, she would include it on the various Michigan City Facebook pages. She will also invite the public – as we do in our letters to recipients – to attend our meetings.  

2. We are in the process of checking the Second Ward for beautification efforts this past week and next until July 22. We decided who should inspect what areas within the ward. Remaining wards will be inspected in the ensuing weeks. Wards Three and Six will be done July 23 – Aug.6. Wards Four and Five will be completed August 7 through the 21st. Chris announces these dates on Facebook. Ward maps are available in the Planning Department Office, and Chris also posts these on Facebook.  

3. One hundred new signs have been ordered and completed by American Signs and Solutions. We also need new year stickers (2019 and 2020) and new postcards which are sent to nominees asking them to pick up their signs at the Senior Center. Mary Ann takes care of that ordering through the Port Authority.  

Our next meeting will be held at 1:00, August 8, 2019 at City Hall.  

Respectfully submitted,  

Mary Rooney, Chairperson, Michigan City in Bloom