

**Beautification Committee
October 7, 2019
Village Hall
3:30 PM**

Minutes

- **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30

Attendees: Mike Apke, Jeff Batton, Kevin Brewer, Judy Davis, Brenda Harvey, Bert Higgins, Dee Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Mary Hall Koontz, Amy McKenzie, Molly Rowell

- **Approval of Minutes:** Bert moved to accept the minutes and Dee seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- **Budget-** No new activity

- **Calendar-**

Date	Action	People Involved
October 10	Plant Gateway signs	Adopting Partner, Kevin Brewer, Tony Persico, Beautification Committee(Hwy 5)
October 22	Planting Day downtown 8:30 a.m. meet at flagpole	Joanne Valdes, Matt Whitaker-Green Haven, Kevin Brewer, B&G staff to unload plants. Garden Club Members
October 21-25	Plant annuals in Tuft's Park	Kevin Brewer, B&G staff
October 21st week	Remove hanging baskets downtown for the winter	Matt Whitaker
November 12-13	Put up the large Christmas tree	B&G staff, Events staff, Kevin Brewer
November 14-15	Decorate the large Christmas tree	B&G staff, Events staff, Kevin Brewer
November 25-26	Put out Christmas tree clusters	B&G staff, Events staff, Kevin Brewer
November 21 tentative	Hang wreaths downtown and big swags	Linden Garden Club, Public Services, Beautification Committee

November date to be determined	Hang swags on the sign posts	Pinehurst Garden Club members
December 6	Christmas tree lighting	Events staff, B&G staff
December 9th	Christmas Decorating Contest judging	To be Determined
January 2-3	Take down Christmas tree and tree clusters	B&G staff, Events staff
January 6	Take down wreaths	Linden Garden Club, Public Services, Beautification members
January date to be determined	Take down swags	Pinehurst Garden Club

- **Beautification Grant**
No new applications:
- **Old Business**
 - a) Litter Campaign
 - Volunteers needed to head the project with Bert Higgins
 - All members are asked to work the litter pick up dates if possible.
 - b) Projects Update
 - Hwy 5 Projects
 - a. Corner areas at Hwy 5 and Lake Hills/Monticello
 - b. Signal @ Hwy 5/Cherokee and Hwy 5 at Hwy 2 NE/NW ground cover
 - Hwy 5 from Hwy 211 to MacDonald – Right-of-way plantings
 - Hwy 211 Projects
 - Next Phase on Hwy 211 Corridor – Murdocksville Intersection and roadside
 - c) Christmas Decorating Contest - Plans
 - Publicity: Oct 18 media goes out to Village. Notices will appear in the Pilot during the first and second week of November
 - Judy will announce the contest to the council at their upcoming meetings.
 - Applications for participation can come to the committee via email or deposited at the Village Hall in a Christmas Box. Bert will monitor the email.
 - Gifts for winners were discussed and decided upon. Dee suggested a gift certificate to Green Haven for first, second and third in the business category \$50, \$35, \$25, along with a plaque to display during the holidays. It was proposed that the same prizes will apply for homeowners – first, second and third place Green Haven awards of \$50, \$35, \$25; sign to

display in the yard during the holidays; as well as a Pinehurst ornament and notecards.

Dee moved to approve these awards for winners and Amy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Judges will be recruited, and their evaluation will come from focus on the theme for this year, A Pinehurst Christmas.
- Bert will plan for a van for use on judging night.

d) Other Items:

Jeff continues finding contacts for the railway overpass

- **New Business**

a) Village Acres:

Molly met with Bill Keith for the following discussions:

Regarding the Irrigation at NW corner of Spring Lake and Hwy 15-501, Mr. Keith believes there is a meter there and would like a conduit under Spring Lake from one side to the other to provide irrigation. Kevin will check on this.

Regarding the Hillsides on Forest at Hwy 15-501 at the entrance to #6, Mr. Keith noted that there is poor drainage. He suggested that perhaps plantings could help the problem. Molly asked the committee members to go by and offer any ideas for improvement.

b) Spring planting in the circle:

Judy reported that the DOT budget is tight due to the Hurricane and the budget impasse. Therefore, they cannot afford to pay for the plants involved in the traffic circle this spring. Judy suggested we contact the Pinehurst Garden Club and other garden clubs to help support the up to \$5,000 it will take to provide the plants. If Garden Clubs come together we could possibly put up a sign to acknowledge their support. DOT will do the actual planting, but The Village will need to fund the plants.

Molly has sent letters to local garden clubs to see if there would be interest in joining us. She suggests perhaps \$2500 from Beautification Committee; \$1500 from the Village; and the balance from the garden clubs.

Peggy moved that the Beautification Committee fund half of the cost of the plants up to \$2500. Molly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Molly will follow up with the Garden Clubs

- c) Molly asked members to please fill out the volunteer survey.
- d) Judy suggested that when you see something needing attention use MYVOP. Take a photo and upload it.

- *Meetings of BC are held the first Monday of the months indicated at 3:30 PM.*

- a) **Next Meeting Dates: November 4, December 2, 2020 – January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4.**

- **Comments from attendees – no comments**

- **Motion to Adjourn.**

Mary Hall moved to adjourn the meeting and Bert seconded the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 4:40