** Beautification Committee**

**December 4, 2023**

**Council Conference Room**

**3:30 PM**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Dee called the meeting to order at 3**:**35

**Attendees:**Mike Apke, Jeff Batton, Kevin Brewer, Kim Gilley, Cami Gregg, Brenda Harvey, Dee Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Chris Jones, Mary Hall Koontz, Tony Persico, Molly Rowell

**Guest:**Patrick Pizzella

**Approval of Minutes –** Molly moved to accept the minutes and Tony seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Budget 2022-2023 FY-**

Kevin reported that since last meeting $220 was spent on prizes for the Christmas Decorating contest and $495 to the Pinehurst Garden Club from the Beautification Grant Fund.

**Calendar –** Kevin presented the calendar.

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| **Date** | **Action** | **People Involved** |
| December 14 | Christmas Decorating Contest judging | Amy McKenzie, Guest Judges |
| January 2-5 | Take down Christmas tree and tree clusters | B&G staff, Events staff |
| January 9 | Take down wreaths | Linden Garden Club, Public Services, Beautification members |

**Beautification Grant-**

The Pinehurst Garden Club, Holly Branch, is applying for the Triangle Garden and  
 the Lake Forest & St Andrews projects.

**Old Business -**

* Downtown Amenity Plan Improvements – Kevin is getting quotes for bollards. They will be spaced as needed and as evenly as possible. The Council approved a shift from angled parking behind Magnolia to parallel parking. Parallel parking and the storm water project will be completed after the first of the year.
* House Bill 259, Native Plants in DOT ROW – Jeff, Dee

Janet is working on drafting a letter that will come through council to our state representatives about a possible exemption. Patrick suggested a discussion with the Council at the Dec. meeting with a formal presentation of the letter in January. The DOT’s reading of the document is that it has no variance. If the Village goes on DOT territory to plant we get an encroachment document.

Chris noted that the Resort is also drafting a letter to be attached to the Council’s letter.

* “A Pinehurst Christmas” Contest 2023; Dates, Judges, Publicity Amy

There is an opening for one judge. With no suggestions, Amy will invite someone. To make sure there is enough room in the van, Dee will get in touch with the Beautification committee members about their interest in riding along for the judging.

* Christmas Wreaths Hung Nov. 14 – Dee for Janet

20 volunteers came to prepare the wreaths and some bows were replaced. Wreaths will come down Jan 9

* Swag update – Cami reported that all swags are up. They will come down the week of the 8th. They replaced 100 bows. The Holly Club pays for it.
* Report from Business Guild – Kim Left messages for Katrin. The focus is to shop local! Kim will push the businesses to apply for the decorating contest.
* Other Items:

Molly suggested involving the USGA as a member of Beautification Committee. Chris is already the liaison to the USGA.

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Jeff and Chris are speaking with USGA about landscaping on the USGA side of Hwy 5.

Rain Garden Update: A location is still in question. Kevin has been in touch with Claudia.

St. Andrews Project Update: Pulled out junipers and put soil down. Plantings will come in the spring. The entire project will probably take a year.

* **New Business –**
* Kevin shared ideas for storage in the building behind the fire house. The height of the storage will be a concern. Kevin would like the Committee to buy a rolling ladder to safely reach the top tiers. We get use of half of the building and the fire department gets use of the other half. Materials cost for the interior structure is about $300. The ladder is $1,000.

Kim moves that we allocate up to $1300 for the project. Molly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

We haven’t decided on any future projects, but Hwy 5 landscaping is a possibility.

* **Comments from attendees.**
* **Motion to Adjourn.** Chris moved to adjourn the meeting and Tony seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:20.
* *Meetings of BC are held the first Monday of the months indicated at 3:30 PM.* 
  + Meeting Dates 2024 – February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2. No meetings in January, June or July.

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