** Beautification Committee**

**February 5, 2024**

**Council Conference Room**

**3:30 PM**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Janet called the meeting to order at 3**:**30

**Attendees:**Mike Apke, Jeff Batton, Kevin Brewer, Sara Copeland, Janet Farrell, Barb Ficklin, Kim Gilley, Cami Gregg, Brenda Harvey, Dee Johnson, Chris Jones, Mary Hall Koontz, Deirdre MacNeil, Amy McKenzie, Molly Rowell

**Guest:**Patrick Pizzella

**Introductions of:** Barb Ficklin and Pat Pizzella

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

**Budget 2022-2023 FY-**

Kevin reported that since last meeting $1,333.34 was spent on safety ladder for wreaths. This was $33.34 over original approved amount due to shipping.

**Calendar –** Kevin presented the calendar.

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| **Date** | **Action** | **People Involved** |
| Week of April 21st | Hanging baskets re-installed | Matt Whitaker, Kevin Brewer |
| April 25th | Plant containers downtown (Pine Branch) and stacked stone planters | Pine Branch Garden club, Kevin Brewer, Matt Whitaker |
| Week of April 28th | Plant Gateway Signs | B&G Staff |
| Week of May 5th | Plant Annuals Tuft’s Park | Kevin Brewer, B&G Staff |
| May 14th | Planting Day Downtown | Cami Gregg, Matt Whitaker, Kevin Brewer, B&G Staff to unload plants  Garden Club Members |
| July 19th | Order flowers for fall planting | Kevin Brewer |

**Beautification Grant-**

No grant Applications this past month

**Old Business -**

* Downtown Amenity Plan Improvements – Jeff reported that first bollards have been installed on Dogwood. Parking will be paved behind Magnolia where parking spaces will be converted to parallel. Storm water management and should be finished by April 30. Bids are supposed to be in by March 31st.
* House Bill 259, Native Plants in DOT ROW – Janet, Pat

Letters should be sent at the end of the week from the Council and included comments from the Resort to our state representatives. The letter will ask for modification of the bill or to exclude Pinehurst from the requirements.

* Christmas Storage Update – Kevin passed around pictures of the new facility with the wreaths and swags hung and the safety ladder in place.
* Rain Garden – Kevin - Space at Village Hall still possibility. Chris had suggested an area near a parking lot at the Pinehurst Club. Claudia was sent pictures of the area. A perk test still needs to be done at this area.
* Landscaping USGA side of HWY 5 – Chris and Jeff – Landscaping was discussed with local firm that did not follow through on any design. Dee gave suggestion for another possible company and Chris was going to follow up with them. Part of the money for this project could come from the Beautification Committee budget.
* Warren H. Manning Award – Janet, Reported on possible dates for the coming year. Will need to revisit this as date for judging would fall during US Open. Nominations would need to be in by June 9th. Better publicity for this needs to happen. There is information available for VOP website but it will have to be updated with new dates. Sara and Brenda agreed to do an article soon for The Pilot with pictures from last year to gain interest and publish parameters of the contest. Another call for applications would come out on May 14 in The Pilot. It was agreed that entrances and commercial properties could apply. Janet, Sara, Brenda, Cami and Dee will meet before next meeting to work out further details
* Report from Business Guild – Dates have been set for “Business After Hours.” The focus is to shop local! There will be an Easter Egg hunt.
* Other Items:

Amy reported that Christmas contest judging went well. They only had one applicant for businesses. Dee took other two business awards home. The ornaments in the bags are for 2023 so will not be usable for next year. Kevin was going to check with Green Haven to make sure gift cards would not expire.

Molly asked that we revisit the possibility of putting the Pinehurst Pinecone logo on the Railroad Trestle. Jeff did not recommend a stencil because as it wears it would be hard to cover. It was suggested that a sign with the logo be attached to the railroad trestle.

* **New Business –**

Administrative for Beautification Committee – Janet indicated that there are no defined parameters for the Beautification Committee, for example number of members, how members are chosen, etc.

Brenda made a motion that we address these issues and Amy seconded. Deirdre agreed to work on these issues.

* **Comments from attendees.**
* Pat mentioned the condition of the entrance to Pinehurst Manor. It appears someone has run over brick work. He had been unable to find out who to talk with about this. Kim Gilley was looking up a contact person for the complex.
* Pat also asked the Committee to think about what we could do to make Pinehurst even more beautiful before the US Open.
* Pat asked the Committee also to estimate the number of trees in the Village. Guesses were made. The answer according to Kevin’s calculations is 550,000.
* Cami announced to Chris that garden clubs in Pinehurst were willing to volunteer for beautification if he needed any help.
* **Motion to Adjourn.** Mary moved to adjourn the meeting and Amy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:45.
* *Meetings of BC are held the first Monday of the months indicated at 3:30 PM.* 
  + Meeting Dates 2024 – 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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